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Fire Destroys Business, Home

By Mick Colageo and Marilou Newell

A December 20 fire that caused an estimated $300,000 in damages to an engine-repair business and connected residence owned by John Menezes appeared to have started in the garage near a heater, according to a press release distributed by Mattapoisett Fire Chief Andrew Murray.

There were no injuries as the residential unit was unoccupied at the time, but three people, Trevor McDonald and his six- and four-year-old sons lost everything, according to McDonald's brother Toby Gonsalves, who explained that McDonald was at work while his younger son was with his grandmother and his older son in school.

"They're living at our parents' house with me and my younger brother. It's a pretty packed house, but we're making do," said Gonsalves. "They had just moved in, probably for the last five months or so. The market around here has been pretty tough." The family's pet rabbits are also in the care of locally-based relatives.

According to the press release, the Mattapoisett Fire Department was dispatched on Monday at approximately 8:36 am to 3 Church Street Extension. Murray, who told The Wanderer he had passed by the location several minutes before the call and noticed no evidence of trouble, arrived on the scene two minutes after the dispatch call and reported heavy fire and smoke. Engine 1 also arrived at 8:38 am and began suppressing the fire.

A second alarm brought three engines from Mattapoisett, one fire engine from Marion and one fire engine and one ladder from Fairhaven, and the fire chiefs from both neighboring towns responded to assist at the scene. The Rochester Fire Department also responded by sending a fire engine for coverage to the Mattapoisett Fire Station.

An employee of Mattapoisett Power Equipment, the small-engine repair facility at 3 Church Street Extension executed a "stop, drop and roll" maneuver to put out the fire on his clothing. Evaluated at the scene, the employee required no further treatment according to the press release.

Fuels, oil and other flammable materials in the garage added to the challenge of extinguishing "heavy fire" that came from the garage, breezeway and rear of the structure. It took approximately 50 minutes and 22 firefighters to bring the blaze under control. The last fire unit cleared the scene at 12:50 pm.

The Red Cross was immediately called in to assist, and the McDonalds become the beneficiary of gift cards purchased with funds from an anonymous benefactor's previous donation to the Town of Mattapoisett that was earmarked for assistance in a such a time of need.

Gonsalves, 23, started a GoFundMe account for

On the Cover: *Children warm their hands with cups of hot chocolate, but the cold temperatures that followed closely behind Sunday's sunset did not discourage a lively gathering of participants for the Tinkhamtown Chapel Christmas Carol Singalong in Mattapoisett. Gail Roberts, Louise Anthony and Jack Dean led the music as the scene was backlit by Lee Heald's bonfire stove and spotlight, while the White family provided refreshments. Photo by Robert Price*

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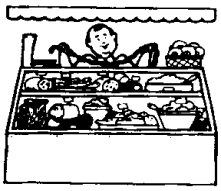

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his older brother, and the McDonald Family Fire Fund account has been set up to receive donations at Eastern Bank in Marion.

"People have been getting in touch with us through friends and family, coming by and dropping stuff off," said Gonsalves. "It's unbelievable how the community has come together, we can't believe it."

Those wishing to provide financial assistance can visit Eastern Bank, 340 Front Street, in Marion or donate online at: gofundme.com/f/help-trevor-finley-and-theo.

He Sees Beauty in Found Objects

By Marilou Newell

John Middleton has been collecting the flotsam and jetsam he's come across over years of beach combing. Each piece carried home simply because it could not be left behind to an unknown fate even if he wasn't sure how he might use that broken bit of signage or weathered, water-soaked chunk of driftwood.

These were gifts from an ocean that no longer wanted them bobbing about. Once carried to the tide line, someone came along, someone who thought, "There's a story."

Middleton is that someone, but his own journey is one that speaks to a life ever evolving, ever changing like sea glass polished over and over again.

Originally from San Francisco, Middleton grew up in Kansas City. He studied at the University of Kansas where he received bachelor degrees in English and History. Later he earned a PhD from Indiana University. His dissertation was on Moby Dick.

Middleton's first professional act was that of a professor of English at Georgia State University specializing in American Literature. He has also received a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For his second act, Middleton pursued a career in sales and marketing. Upon retiring from the business world, he stepped into his third act, earning a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth.

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beaches wherever he goes. Those objects became very important to him once he began to see them as potential pieces of art and embarked on his fourth act, an artist using the medium of found objects to create stunning and thought-provoking works.

On his website, Middleton notes, "Time, tides, wind, storms, marine organisms and sun transform objects … in ways that can render them strange and beautiful." The changes sustained by wood, glass or metal that has been submerged in ocean waters leaves the materials "scraped and scoured into new forms that obscure their original history." Where nature leaves off, Middleton begins to give those found objects their new lives.

When we caught up with Middleton at his home in Mattapoisett, he had just returned from installing a number of his pieces in that Mattapoisett Library for a one-man show now on display through mid-January. We asked him about the creative process that he said was rather complex, but he did offer, "I see how pieces align, and I focus on some of the details that punctuate the

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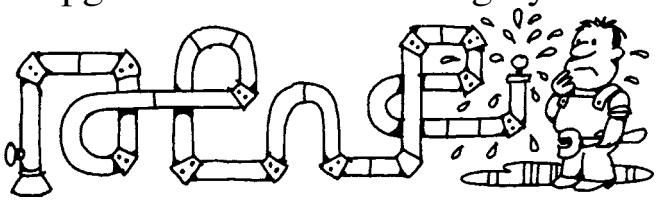
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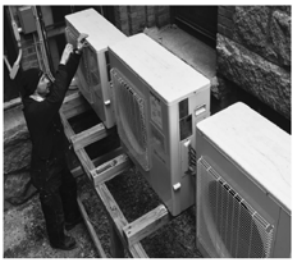

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Using glue, screws and other affixing materials, individual pieces like a new type of puzzle are pulled together by Middleton into something altogether different from the original intent.

Middleton said that he does occasionally add a touch of paint or other objects "to underscore and focus attention" on specific features, but overall the finished work is made from materials left in their found state. "Mechanical skills are critical to the joinery of objects in a completed work," he added.

At his studio located in the Hatch Street Studios in New Bedford, home to numerous visual artists of all stripes, Middleton creates his own kind of magic: transforming, rearranging, creating beauty that emerges from an eye that sees what lies within.

Other locations where Middleton's work has been exhibited include the Marion Art Center, Bromfield Gallery in Boston, Shattuck Gallery in Westport, the Falmouth Artists Guild and the Mattapoisett Museum.

One final note: Middleton credits the much-loved novel Moby Dick for bringing him to this area. No doubt, Melville would be pleased.

Broken Bones under Brilliant Colors

By George B. Emmons

The eastern harlequin duck is one of the most brilliantly decorated creatures you will ever see as a bird watcher in both graphic design and flaming color put together in a high profile for the rugged and dramatic coastline it calls home.

At this time of year, when we pass through the seasonal winter equinox, it may come into passing review for you along the Atlantic migratory flyway past remote peninsular outcroppings southward from Newfoundland and Maine past Buzzards Bay in a clearly traced seasonal coastal route all the way around New York and New Jersey, following rivers inland and reaching comfortable inland-country, isolated destinations.

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Together, the male and female first breed at two years of age, now pairing up as winter approaches. Several males may court one female, surrounding her on the water with raised tails, stretched necks and ritualized head-bobbing movements. When she nests, the site is usually on the ground very close to the water.

Like the wood duck or the freshwater merganser, from the moment her chicks break the eggshells to hatch out, they are already preprogrammed to quickly depart the nest by jumping out with flapping wings and rapid strides to reach the watery habitat.

Just as loons let their young ride on their backs as an early convenience of widespread movement, it would not surprise me if harlequin hens are glad to give buoyant, protective transportation in rough waves of turbulent rocky coastlines and whitewater rivers that are rough on their bodies. Many harlequin ducks endure broken bones from a precarious lifetime being tossed around by pounding waves and rough water of their preferred, stormy aquatic habitat.

The harlequin duck may ultimately prove to be the next living example of Darwin's theory of survival of the fittest in a challenging environment of abusive, stormy conditions, if somehow able to survive the

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TTAR Staying Course in Wake of Vandalism

By Mick Colageo

Neither Tri-Town Against Racism nor the Town of Mattapoisett is taking the weekend vandalism of the Free Little Diverse Library at Ned's Point as a little thing.

In a Tuesday email to The Wanderer, Mattapoisett Town Administrator Mike Lorenco wrote that he has

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visited the site, spoken with Police Chief Jason King and said the town will be investigating the matter to see if the responsible parties can be identified.

"If this was a targeted attack against the Tri-Town Against Racism group, the Town will ensure it is dealt with appropriately," Lorenco wrote.

Reached by phone, Tri-Town Against Racism vice president Alison Noyce said that on Sunday morning a community member called TTAR president Tangi Thomas to report evidence of apparent vandalism. The door was torn off and all the books thrown out, many torn up and all of them destroyed by the rain that fell throughout the day.

"It's been working out great so it was shocking and devastating that someone (would do this). It also looked like they were trying to take the entire thing out," said Noyce, who described the hole around the post to be very loose.

TTAR has a Free Little Diverse Library in two locations so far, Ned's Point in Mattapoisett and Old Landing off Front Street in Marion, and there are plans for a third in Rochester pending weather's effects on the ability to dig.

The libraries, invented for the purpose of book exchange stations between citizens looking to broaden their horizons by reading books that reflect a racially diverse community, have been busy to the point of requiring volunteer management multiple times per week.

"That little library's going really well," said Noyce, alluding to one prior issue with signs that

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Noyce says she has had many conversations with citizens who dislike the raised fists in TTAR's logo, but she continues to stress that the group's fight is a peaceful one and must remain so.

"All of the books are donated by community members who believe in our mission of creating an anti-racist community," she wrote in an email. "We hold tight to our motto 'Start Where You Live' and will continue this much needed work in the Tri-Town."

The Marion location has seen minor incidences of apparent efforts to remove signage or to leave literature meant to contradict the organization's message of racial equality. The recent addition of a motion-detecting camera like those used by hunters acts as a deterrent to vandalism, but Noyce said the Marion Police keeps an eye on the library at Old Landing.

"We're trying not to be too discouraged, we're going to get it fixed and restock it," said Noyce of the Ned's Point library, noting that similar organizations have reached out in support, including Tabor Academy and representatives of similar grassroots organizations in Wrentham and Plainville. (They told us) "we have books for you and will bring them when you're ready." That was reassuring to us.

"The fact people would want to destroy our Diverse Little Library just shows there's still a lot of work to be done."

According to Lorenco, Craig Collyer, who built the Ned's Point Little Free Diverse Library mostly from Mattapoisett's spare building supplies, will be working to make the necessary repairs to the library to bring it back to its original condition.

"Obviously, it is very disappointing. The library was built by the Town in support of the Tri-Town Against Racism group, and we certainly are upset to hear that it was vandalized," wrote Lorenco. "If members of the public have any information regarding this act of vandalism, they should contact the Mattapoisett Police Department or the Town Hall."

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The Rochester Land Trust and Plumb Library

By Marilou Newell

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The children and their grown-up counterparts were studding apples with sunflower seeds, stringing cranberries and even unflavored cereal bits, objects that would be hung throughout the trail and enjoyed by the unseen animals once their human benefactors departed.

This outdoor learning experience brought together two important assets in the Town of Rochester. Fuller explained the importance of not only offering children new opportunities to explore outdoor spaces but also the importance of giving the library new ways to engage a public increasingly drawn away from brick-and-mortar libraries.

It was also noted that not just children would enjoy the Trail Tale but also those older folks seeking a bit of fresh air and the renewing qualities of being outdoors. Thus, young and old alike are encouraged to come and read the story-trail pages.

What they will find is the gentle story of animals preparing to hibernate for the winter. While the story itself does not use the word hibernation, it gives the small children a new understanding of just what many animals are doing during the long, cold winter months – sleeping.

In Denise Fleming's story, she has bear smelling the air which "smells like winter is coming." Bear wants to help her friend Snail so she tells Snail that winter is coming. What proceeds is a chain going from Snail to Skunk to Turtle to Woodchuck to Lady Bug and then back to Bear, who is slightly annoyed by Lady Bug when she awakens her to declare, "Winter is coming, Bear!"

The book notes the signs of spring as well, deepening for small children the understanding of how the seasons change. Through the animals who see leaves change color and fall to the ground, geese migrating overhead and days getting shorter, youngsters get the message of seasons in transition.

It is a uniquely interactive experience with a bit of the surprise along the Trail Tale and perfectly suited for all ages. It will be up through January 3.

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Hovan Charges Dismissed

By Mick Colageo

Keith Hovan's wife Erin Hovan used her marital privilege not to testify in Monday morning's scheduled bench trial of her husband on charges of Domestic Assault

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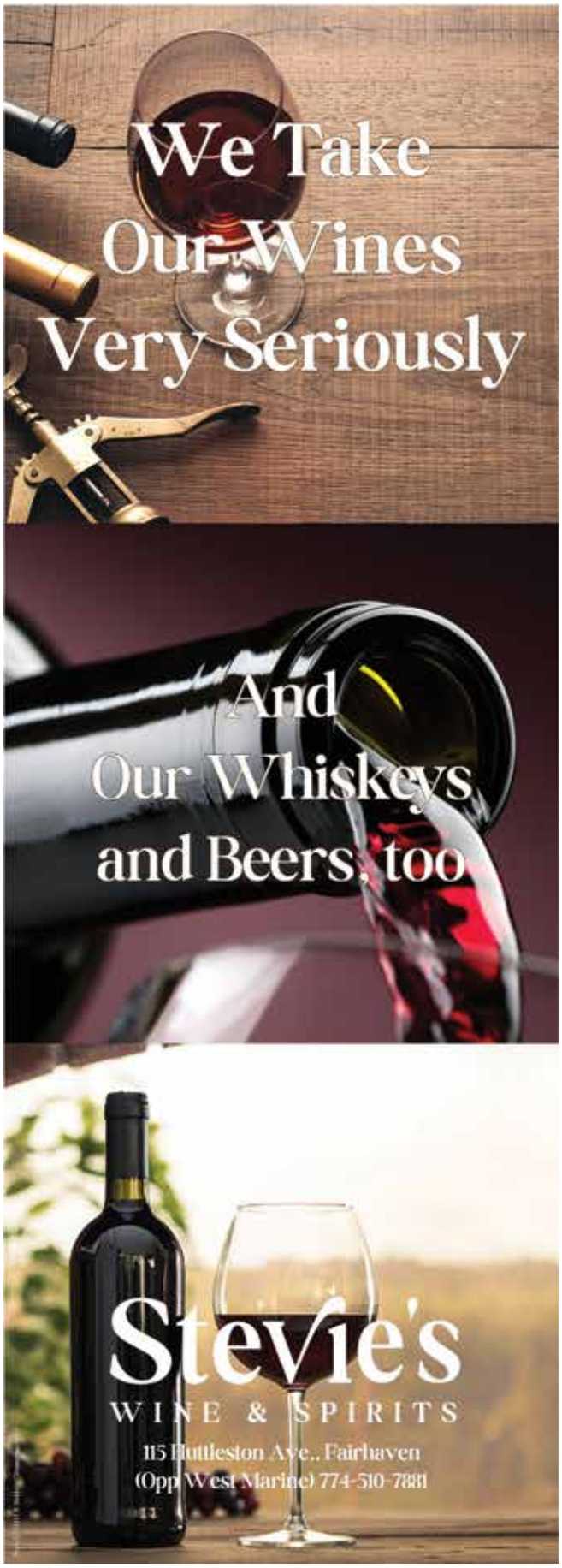

and Battery and because she was the state's only witness, the criminal case against the Southcoast Health Systems CEO was dismissed.

Keith and Erin Hovan both appeared in Wareham District Court on December 20 accompanied by attorneys Christopher Markey and James Hanley and also left together swiftly when the case was dismissed.

Later Monday, the Hovans released the following statement: "We are pleased that the case has been resolved today. We appreciate the professionalism of all of the participants in the legal process. We are eager to move forward together as a family, heartened and grateful for the continued support we have received. Throughout this difficult time there has been significant opportunity for reflection which has further strengthened our family and for that we are grateful."

The charges stem from a November 6 incident at the Hovans' Rochester home in which Keith Hovan, 59, was arrested by Rochester Police following a 911 call yielding evidence of minor injuries allegedly resulting from accidental contact during an argument. Hovan was released on bail the next morning.

Rochester Police returned to his Marys Pond Road house hours after the November 6 arrest and removed Hovan's collection of firearms and approximately 19,500 rounds of ammunition resulting in the additional charge for illegal possession of a large-capacity magazine, a feeding device that has become unlawful to own. Hovan's license to carry firearms was suspended, but the police report stated that guns were not involved in the incident.

Hovan is still on leave from his job as Southcoast Health's lead executive. According to reports, Southcoast cited additional court proceedings over the next month in declining comment at this time.

Campus Center Takes Step Forward

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

In a very brief public meeting held on December 14 before the town employees' holiday party at the Cushing Community Center, the Marion Select Board approved the connection of Tabor Academy's new

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The approval recommended by the Marion Department of Public Works is contingent upon three addendums: a 72-hour advance notice to the DPW for the start of work to connect to the sewer manhole at the site, that Tabor provides the DPW with field-observation notes in the form of full-record drawings as the connection is made and that Tabor restores any disturbed road or sidewalk or ground to the condition it was in prior to the work.

The third contingency came at the suggestion of Select Board member John Waterman, and Select Board member Randy Parker said it is an appropriate contingency for any such application. "Maybe it's understood, but sometimes I find that you need to spell things out," said Waterman.

All of the associated fees had already been paid by Tabor according to Town Administrator Jay McGrail.

The December 14 meeting was the last in 2021 for the Marion Select Board which typically meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month. The board did not schedule its first 2022 meeting at adjournment.

Senior Center Gets Mask Mandate

Rochester Select Board

By Mick Colageo

In a reluctant vote, the Rochester Select Board granted the leadership of the town's Council on Aging its wish by unanimously agreeing Monday night to a mask mandate for the Senior Center on DexterLane.

Select Board member Paul Ciaburri was most vocal in his hesitancy.

"I understand where everybody's coming from, I just don't like the idea of the mandates. ... I don't know if we really need to mandate," said Ciaburri. "If the Board of Directors feels that strong about the Council on Aging, I just don't feel that strongly about mandates. ... The finger wagging going on makes people not want to do things. I think we should have a conversation. ... We have seniors at risk, I understand that."

A December 8 letter from the COA requested the mask mandate for the Senior Center.

"We're hoping you would at least consider the Council on Aging. ... The numbers (of positive Covid tests) are climbing here in town. We're hoping that the mask mandate will help control that," said COA Board of Directors president Pauline Munroe, who represented the council at the meeting along with Mike Cambra, the COA's vice president.

"We're trying to have a program where everybody's wearing the mask. ... Everybody's looking at it like it's no big deal. Well it is a big deal," said Cambra.

Until December 20, the COA had been posting a sign encouraging people to wear masks.

"I'm active up there -- was there today -- they're concerned. It's easier for the director if they had our

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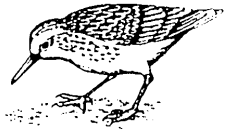

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support," said Select Board member Woody Hartley, who serves on the COA Board of Directors. Noting CDC recommendations, Hartley said, "We don't want to wait until we've lost somebody."

Town Counsel Blair Bailey reminded the Select Board that it can authorize protocols for all town buildings. The board was also reminded that at the beginning of the pandemic, the board had said it would respect the Council on Aging's Board of Directors.

"It would need the vote of this board and the Board of Health. ... I talked to Karen (Walega, Rochester's health director,) and they said they'd do it as well," said Bailey. "Given the number of cases in town, they've gone up considerably. ... That (Senior Center) building was part of the conversation."

Karen Thomas, a retired nurse and a senior citizen who attended the meeting, was given the floor and asserted that common practices involving the repeated wearing of and storing of cloth masks are often unsanitary and that requiring people to wear them is against their constitutional rights and in many cases unhealthy.

"We're not going to take N95s from the healthcare community," she said of the industry standard, arguing that the alternatives worn by the general public are failing them.

Hartley said it is not appropriate for her to say in a Select Board meeting what constitutional law is. Thomas said, "I'm not saying what constitutional law is."

"I think the point is at the Senior Center it's not about having the sniffles," said Bailey, implying the elevated vulnerability of senior citizens to the coronavirus.

Hartley made a motion to mandate masks for the Council on Aging at the Senior Center only. "I will second it because it's at the Senior Center only, I'm against a mask mandate," said Select Board Chairman Brad Morse. Ciaburri then relented on his opposition and said, "As long as it's the Senior Center only."

All three Select Board members voted "I," and the mandate carried.

In her Town Administrator's Report, Suzanne Szyndlar told the board that March 4 is the deadline for the submission of articles for the May 23 Town Meeting warrant.

The FY23 budget season has begun, and capital requests are due from department heads by January 17.

Szyndlar announced a submission of over $100,000 in CARES Act, Covid-related reimbursable expenditures. Rochester's total to date has reached $904,000, and Szyndlar credited Assistant Accountant Kathy Mchenry for "a great job" in preparing and processing the town's many invoices for CARES Act submissions.

Municipalities will transition to the new ARPA funding program with Rochester's potential apportionment capped at $1,700,000.

Bailey suggested asking town departments to

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build in a buffer in their individual requests "because everything keeps going up in costs. ... If we don't use it, we don't use it."

In other public-session business, the board voted to approve the appointment of Travis Lalli to the Rochester Agricultural Commission. Morse abstained from the vote, citing that his and Lalli's farms are adjacent to one another.

Before the board entered executive session to discuss negotiations with union and nonunion personnel and did not return to open session, Szyndlar addressed the January meeting schedule, noting that the board's second meeting of 2022 would fall on January 17, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The board agreed to meet instead on Monday, January 24.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, January 3, at 6:00 pm.

Randall Lane Solar Passes Site-Plan Review

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

The December 20 meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board found the members united on an application for site-plan review filed by Randall Lane Solar LLC for a 22-acre solar array.

Originally filed approximately one year ago, the project team headed by Eric Las of Beals and Thomas were

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tasked with satisfying concerns of possible freshwater contamination, construction within a designated wetlands, use of a rural dirt lane for construction vehicles and fears that an historic stone bridge might be negatively impacted by large transport vehicles, to list a few. On this night all those concerns and more would be laid to rest.

Leading up to their decision were previous meetings that covered issues related to containment of toxic chemicals in the event of a leak. Caroline Booth of Beals and Thomas had represented the property owners during the December 16 ZBA hearing for a Special Permit requested for the project. She once again confirmed that transformers and batteries associated with electrical transmission and storage are, in fact, enclosed in containment units that looked like "shipping containers." The ZBA granted the Special Permit contingent upon approvals from the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission.

Las was asked when construction might begin. He responded that it could take up to two years before actual construction might begin. He said the interconnection to the Eversource electrical grid has not been scheduled, but that it is normal for the long timeline given that local approvals were needed before the project would be considered by the utility.

When it came to confirming that all Planning Board questions had been fully aired and responded to, Chairman Tom Tucker asked for and received a motion to approve a draft decision accepting the site-plan review. The vote was unanimous.

However, the developers and project teams are not done with the Planning Board just yet. A request for creation of a subdivision at the project site is pending. The acreage in question is jointly owned by members of the extended Randall family, who have agreed to assign a large swath of land in the area of the project to permanent conservation restriction.

In other business, the Planning Board approved a Form A, Approval Not Required (ANR) application filed by Chase Wingate for property located at 42 River Road.

Continued to January 3 is a roadway project associated with a definitive subdivision for Nicky's Lane. Seven waivers were approved for the construction. Bill Madden of G.A.F. Engineering, representing the owners, said he would return with a bond estimated in the amount of $177,000 for the board's consideration.

David Andrews, representative for the Bay Club, came before the board seeking release of lots in consideration for a letter of credit. The letter of credit is meant to provide the town with assurance that roads within the Bay Club subdivision will be completed or some means of receiving financing to complete roads in their stead. However, Planning Board member Janice Robbins said that the letter in question is really a "lender's agreement" that does not equate to a cash bond. "I'd rather see the town have the money than get involved

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with the bank," she said.

Andrews said he would return to the board on January 3 with a bond proposal.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, January 3, at 7:00 pm.

ConCom Closes Four Cases

Marion Conservation Commission

By Mick Colageo

In a case continued from November 17, Jonathan and Jennifer Alexander's Notice of Intent for a proposed house addition and deck expansion at 24 Brook Haven Lane was reopened and discussed, ending with a vote to issue an Order of Conditions during the December 8 meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission.

The commission had checked on the site with a state wetlands circuit rider. Conservation Agent Doug Guey-Lee sought definition of some ambiguous terms in the proposal including "redevelopment standard" and "degraded," noting that the membership's disposition hinged on the definition of the ambiguous terms.

Representing the Alexanders, engineer Dave Davignon gave an overview of his revisions to the site plan, after which Chairman Shaun Walsh outlined four proposed conditions. Guey-Lee said the commission would like to achieve a level of specificity in plant selection for the site but noted that comes with the risk of the plant not taking. "There's an argument for any kind of native plant there. ... It's hard to get it wrong," he said.

Walsh gave the commissioners two options: to either close the case and vote to include broadly worded language requirements of plantings or to ask the applicant for a more robust planting plan in the mitigation area and continue the case to January 22.

Davignon suggested adding a condition that the applicant provide the commission a landscaper-informed set of plans when the time comes. "Then we're all on the same page," he said. Walsh approved of that approach and at the end of the lengthy meeting shaped an Order of Conditions that the commissioners voted to approve.

In a case continued from November 17, ConCom member Marc Bellanger recommended issuing Samuel and Theresa Barrington an Order of Conditions with numerous added conditions for their proposed septic system repair and drainage improvements at 28 West Drive.

A few ConCom members visited the site the weekend before the meeting, and Walsh said the site is low and in the velocity zone, bringing coastal-storm flowage, 100 foot buffer zone to coastal leach and coastal bank into the deliberation that preceded Bellanger's motion.

After Davignon spoke to several anticipated questions from the commission, Walsh suggested closing the public hearing rather than continuing the case and asking Davignon for stormwater calculations, namely the

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volume that the proposed system will handle. "It sounds like Dave's given this quite a bit of thought," said Walsh.

ConCom voted the Barringtons an Order of Conditions.

In a case continued from November 17, the commission issued a Negative Box 3 Determination of Applicability filed by The 95 Allen's Point Road Realty Trust for a proposed leaching area and cellar drain at that address.

Representing the applicant, Davignon described the project as a tear-down and rebuild of a home with a 29-foot elevation at the crest with multitiered hillside to the seawall, the primary coastal bank.

In a case continued from November 17, the Marion Lands Trust was issued an Order of Conditions for a proposed driveway at 371 Wareham Street.

In a case continued from November 17, John and Pamela Lees' NOI for reconstruction of a single-family home, construction of an inground swimming pool and a seawall at 49 Water Street was continued to January 12.

Under Action Items, ConCom issued a Certificate of Compliance to David Croll for beach nourishment that never commenced at 10 Lewis Street. No future work will be allowed under the file.

The commission also issued a Certificate of Compliance to Jeff Doubrava for beach nourishment that never commenced at 47 East Avenue. Being the vice chairman of the commission, Doubrava recused himself as a member for the case. ConCom added a continuing condition limiting the site 5 cubic yards of sand annually as needed only above the high-water mark of the existing beach.

Abutting the Doubrava property at 51 East Avenue, albeit in a smaller area, the Certificate of Compliance requested by John Whittemore was conditioned continually by a limit of 2 cubic yards of sand annually as needed only above the high-water mark of the existing beach.

The Kittansett Club's request for extension of a permit at 11 Point Road was withdrawn due to an existing permit through September 2023.

Asked for comments to the ZBA in the case of Dustan McGlinn at 176 Wareham Street, ConCom determined no jurisdiction.

Asked for comments to the ZBA in the case of Mark McKenzie for a proposed subdivision at Nos. 3 and 12 Taunton Avenue. There is land subject to coastal storm flowage but with no work proposed ConCom offered no comment.

Walsh reported to the commission the December 3 resignation of member Cynthia Callow, who will focus her efforts on the town's Zoning Board of Appeals, where she serves as chairperson. "She has a lot on her plate," said Walsh, who acknowledged Callow's work with the commission and her sense of humor as well.

Asked if he would like to become a full, voting member, associate commissioner Emil Assing indicated interest but said he wanted to understand better what it would entail before committing.

In other business, the commission voted to pay Sabatia (Bob Gray's consultation) a $3,000 bill for peer-review work done in the Paliotta case. The money was supplied by the applicant.

The Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions served notice of a small dues increase for Fiscal Year 2023.

The commission was scheduled to reconvene on December 22. It will next meet on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

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Randall Lane Solar Clears ZBA

Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals

By Marilou Newell

On December 16 the Special Permit requested by Randall Lane Solar LLC cleared its last remaining government hurdle: approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Coming before the ZBA on this night was Caroline Booth of Beals and Thomas, the applicants' representative. Also in attendance were Bill Madden of G.A.F. Engineering and Attorney James Marsh. Madden and Marsh were representing abutters Veronica and Chris Brockwell.

Booth's opening remarks briefly outlined the

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proposed solar array, some 27 acres carved out of 88 acres privately owned. She explained that a vast majority of the acres in play have been previously disturbed by agricultural activities and logging. The areas logged, Booth said, would be returned to Chapter 61 lands upon the completion of the decades-long rental agreement between the solar developer and the property owners.

Other highlights of Booth's presentation included mention of a 1741 farmhouse, the remains of which are located on the site in an area not planned to be part of the solar field, improvements to an existing roadway into the site, battery containers designed to contain hazardous chemicals, a reduction in the original size of the solar array in consideration of flood-plain mapping, 24-7 remote monitoring of the site once operation and training of local first responders in the event of an equipment failure and associated emergency necessitating their assistance.

Booth also said that most of the staging of materials and equipment will be used off-site and smaller transport vehicles used on site, along with police details to ensure ease to local traffic and adherence to a commitment that the historic stone bridge over the Mattapoisett River at River Road would not be used by the construction teams.

Regarding the status of applications before the Planning Board for site-plan review and the Conservation Commission for the Wetlands Protection Act, Booth said both permitting entities were in the process of preparing orders of conditions.

The project is planned for an area identified as the Mattapoisett River Aquifer District. Booth said that when the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission, the multitown agency which represents the towns of Fairhaven, Rochester, Mattapoisett and Marion in matters related to freshwater sources in the region was approached for its comments on the project, its response was, "the project would have no impact."

The ZBA was ready to close the public hearing when Madden and Marsh asked to be heard.

Marsh began by stating that the proposed solar project is not allowed under the bylaws governing rural residential uses. "If it's not allowed, it can't be allowed. … It can't be allowed for commercial use in the aquifer district," he said. Marsh stated that transformers and other equipment would contain petroleum products and that the town had specifically created an "overlay district to protect drinking water." Marsh added, "You want to protect the people in the town."

Madden's comments echoed for the most part those articulated by Marsh. "Transformers usually contain oil-based chemicals. Usually there are secondary containments," Madden said. He went on to say that requests of the applicants for more details on containment plans and the chemical composition of liquids that would be inside batteries and transformers had not been

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forthcoming from the developer.

"These are serious elements being added to the aquifer."

Booth countered that battery storage on site is a requirement, that there are containment features and that everything being placed on equipment pads would be contained in units she described as "giant shipping containers." She went on to tell the ZBA members, "This project may not be built for two years. If there are advances or upgrades, those will be used."

Marsh told the ZBA, "I don't think you guys can make an informed decision" in the absence of technical documentation.

But the ZBA thought otherwise.

The board's members were united in the decision, adding wording that a Special Permit would be granted if the Planning Board and Conservation Commission conditioned the project and if secondary containment was used, that hours of construction operation were spelled out, that road improvements were complete and that a sign be placed at the site with a telephone number in the event it becomes necessary to contact maintenance personnel.

Madden and Marsh did not indicate that an appeal by their client would be filed.

Also receiving requested special permits were Edwin Sargent, 3 Oakland Way, for the construction of an addition to an existing home and Daniel Kaukas, 3 Hamlin Road, for the reconstruction of an existing porch.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals will be scheduled for Thursday, January 20, at 6:00 pm if there are cases to be heard.

New Telecommunication Tower Proposed

Rochester Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

On December 14, the Rochester Planning Board held an informal discussion with general counselor Shayna Galinat of Industrial Communications Inc. regarding a new telecommunication tower on property located at 0 High Street.

Galinat outlined the project, saying tree removal

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would be limited to just those trees in close proximity to the tower's envelope and that the monopole will be mounted to an 80-foot square space inside a 100-foot square envelope. Galinat also said that the project will go through the Zoning Board of Appeals process for a special permit as the plans call for a 100-foot setback versus the required 200-foot setback.

There was some discussion regarding the proposal's demonstration of need for a new tower with Chairman Arnold Johnson noting, "Your narrative doesn't say that." Johnson advised Galinat that a $3,000 peer-review fee is required and that Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program needs to weigh in on the project.

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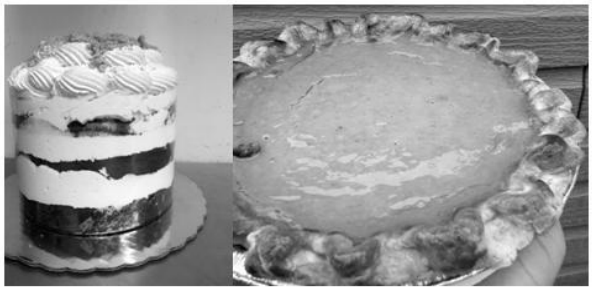
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Galinat said that after the ZBA hearing scheduled for January 13, further steps would be taken.

Also coming before the Planning Board informally were property owner John Weaver, Lots 2A Robinson Road, and contractor Benjie Borra of CSG Developers LLC for a proposed solar array of less than 200kw.

Weaver said the project would include underground electrical systems and planting to screen the array from a designated scenic roadway. There was some discussion as to the necessity of the solar array being 300 feet from the roadway versus the proposed 200 feet, a matter Johnson said would be reviewed with Town Counsel. No date was set for further review.

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Another utility-related project that has been wending its way through various board meetings is that proposed by Renewable Energy and planned for 109 Neck Road. The project details include a dual-use aspect, solar generation and agricultural along an existing cranberry bog.

Representing the client was Stacey Minihane of Beals and Thomas. Minihane said that since the last meeting with the board, planting plans for screening purposes have been beefed up but that fencing alternatives are also in play. After some discourse, the board made it clear that chain-link fencing with privacy strips is out of the question and that stockade fencing would be the preferred material.

Henry Ouimet of Renewable Energy said that a five-utility-pole configuration previously proposed at the entranceway to the array, a design that had not sat well with abutters or the board, was revised to be only three poles. The hearing was continued to January 11, 2022.

William Milka, 241 New Bedford Road, requested a Form A, Approval Not Required that would allow him to reconfigure three lots, adding footage to the lot where his residence is located. This, he said, would grant him more flexibility in the future to access agricultural acreage behind the home. Presently, the only access to a cranberry bog Milka owns is by way of the house lot. The request was approved.

The next meeting of the Rochester Planning Board is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

MOSAC Doubling Clearing Effort

Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission

By Mick Colageo

In order to tweak the Point Road Path cleanup plan toward greater efficiency and productivity, Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission Chairman John Rockwell called a special public meeting on Tuesday to gain approval to double the commission's expert workforce.

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hand dangerous and on the other in need of a heavy industry approach.

To that end, Dave Jenney, who has been contracted in the past by MOSAC, recommended that Rochester-based David Grime Tree Service inspect and evaluate at the project.

Motivated to contract someone local for a quicker setup time, Rockwell reported to the commission that Grime and Jenney agree that it is cheaper to grind an 8-inch pine in a chipper than to set it aside of the path and have to make a separate pass to collect and dispose of those pieces.

"Dave (Jenney,) not only did he cut the wood up, the branches that fell in the woods he cut up so it wouldn't look unsightly," said Rockwell, who proposed both Jenney and Grimes are out there at the same time to give MOSAC a day's work.

An experienced woodcutter, Rockwell admittedly lacks experience working at a necessary level of efficiency, so he called Marion Select Board member Randy Parker who said they are right to put them together, one on the brush hog and one in the tree cutter. "Absolutely faster," was Rockwell's takeaway from the conversation with Parker.

Noting that Marion Town Administrator Jay McGrail suggested signing contracts to protect the commission, Rockwell said, "I don't believe we need protection from these guys, but it's standard procedure."

The contracts call for $950 for Jenney (his regular per-day rate) and $1,000 for Grimes. They will presumably work together, and Rockwell will base the longer-range plan on what they accomplish as a team on the one day.

"You get the benefits of having a big outfit in there with these two independent contractors out there," said Rockwell.

MOSAC member Amanda Chace agreed with the tandem concept, especially since the commission has already established a strong working relationship with Jenney. "It went well so that gives me confidence as well," she said.

"By putting in the number of wooden stakes and specifying what needs to be done in that area, I think you did it," said MOSAC member Deb Ewing, approving of the contract language.

Rockwell said there should be 60 stakes in the designated stretch, so the commission needs to put more stakes out. Right now, he said there are 26 stakes in place, but their locations will be reviewed in order to potentially avoid taking down more trees. Pending weather, Rockwell is hoping to do some fieldwork next week.

MOSAC members voted to approve the contract language. Once Rockwell obtains the contractors' insurance certificates, he can give them the go-ahead.

In other business, MOSAC reviewed its meeting dates for 2022 and voted to maintain its monthly schedule of meeting on every first Thursday. MOSAC's first meeting of 2022 is therefore scheduled to be held on January 6 at 7:00 pm.

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Banged-up Bulldogs Start on Track

Sports Roundup

By Matthew Curry

The first meet of Old Rochester Regional's indoor track-and-field season came on December 18 when ORR's boys team defeated Fairhaven, 58-28, at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech. However, the week leading up to the season opener was a rollercoaster, particularly for the boys team.

On December 12, a few members of the team competed at the MSTCA Winterfest meet in Boston where top hurdler Tyler Trudeau suffered a hamstring injury. From there, more team members began dropping off the active list due to illness and injury. On the day of the opener, ORR's boys were without six key runners, including distance runner Tyler Young and star 300 and 600-meter runner Colby Gross.

The loss of Young was expected to be especially impactful against Fairhaven's distance-based team, but the Bulldogs had little difficulty defeating the Blue Devils.

The Bulldogs won their first event with freshman Calder Eaton placing first in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 9.8 seconds. From there, Leo Schiappa picked up wins for Old Rochester in the 55 dash (6.8) and 300 meters (40.9,) while Teddy Carroll won the 600 (1:41.4,) John Kassabian took first in the high jump (5 feet, 4 inches) and Murray Copps put on an impressive performance when he won the 2 mile (11:21.8.)

ORR's girls team also had some impressive performances on their way to an 80-6 victory. Alexia Gonsalves and Corrine Robert won the 1 mile and 2 mile with times of 6:14 and 14:25 respectively. Jen Williams dominated all competition in the 55 hurdles (8.5) and high jump (5-0.. Perhaps the most impressive performance came from freshman Audrey Thomas, who came in first place in the dash (7.9) and 300 meters (47.7,) edging out Williams in the latter race. Also coming in first place were Cameran Weaver (600, 1:58.5,) Madeline Dugas (1,000,

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3:47) and Taylor Greene (shot put, 29-4.)

The meet was capped off by the 4x400 meter relays. Seekonk and Apponequet were competing in their own dual meet at the same time and took part in the event at the same time as ORR and Fairhaven.

ORR's girls team consisting of Weaver, Aubrey Heise, Scarlet Patnaude and Liz Feeney put on an impressive performance, defeating all three opposing teams. The boys team had Kassabian, Carroll, Sam Balsis and Matthew Curry, and the crowd erupted as they too pulled off a dominant win.

The Bulldogs will next face Somerset Berkley on Thursday, December 23, at GNBVT.

Boys Basketball

The Bulldogs opened their season with two wins last week. The first came on December 14 at Wareham High School, where they beat the host Vikings 77-65. After ORR dominated the first half, Wareham came back strong in the second half, bringing what was at one point a 25-point lead in favor of the Bulldogs down to 5. However, ORR was able to hold off their South Coast Conference rival to come away with the win. **Steve Morrell** led the Bulldogs with a game-high 22 points, and **Sawyer Fox** scored 20.

The Bulldogs further improved their record to 2-0 on December 18 when they dominated Martha's Vineyard 73-29 in Mattapoisett. ORR hosted GNBVT on Tuesday night. They host Wareham on Tuesday, December 28, at 6:30 pm.

Girls Basketball

The Lady Bulldogs improved to 2-0 with a 36-31 win against Falmouth on December 17. **Maddie Wright** led the Bulldogs with 15 points, while **Logan Fernandes** contributed another 10 points. ORR visited GNBVT on Tuesday. They visit Wareham on Tuesday, December 28, at 1:30 pm.

Girls Hockey

ORR's girls hockey team raised its record to 2-1 after a 5-4 win over East/West Bridgewater on December 19, but the next night fell back to .500 with a 9-2 loss to Whitman-Hanson/Silver Lake. In the victory over the Bridgewater coop, **Kellan Geake** hit the back of the net

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twice while **Liz Kilpatrick** had two assists. **Ryann Tripp** scored the winning goal. The Bulldogs hosted Dennis-Yarmouth on Wednesday and on Monday, December 27 are scheduled to visit Bishop Stang in a 3:00 pm faceoff at Hetland Memorial rink in New Bedford.

Committee Celebrates Successes, Reflects on Hazing

ORR School Committee

By Mick Colageo

The Old Rochester Regional School Committee opened its December 8 meeting by recognizing high achievers, mostly in sports and concluded its meeting by addressing the much weightier topic of hazing in the wake of an out-of-season, unsupervised incident with serious ramifications for the boys ice-hockey season.

ORR Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson began by announcing that Amaya McLeod is the recipient of the 2021-22 Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (M.A.S.S.) Award of Academic Excellence. Ranked second in her class with a 4.5 GPA, McLeod is, according to Nelson, "a true intellectual with a thirst for knowledge ... simply put, she is top notch."

The ORR girls volleyball team was honored for its achievement of capturing the first-ever state championship in girls volleyball in school history.

"Coming off a year without fans (attending games) and with all sorts of restrictions, we needed this, so thank you!" said ORR Principal Mike Devoll to the students who have risen to the extraordinary challenges of 2020 and 2021, including in sports.

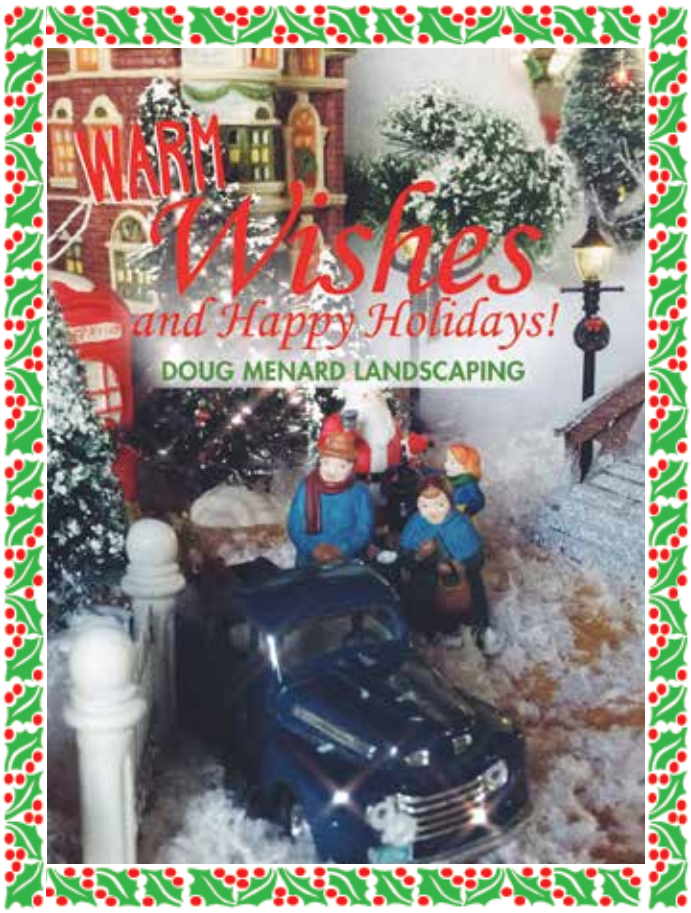
Devoll named the entire varsity roster, beginning with junior varsity freshman call-ups Caroline Brogioli and Cami Van Ness and worked his way through the entire lineup: senior captains Maggie Brogioli, Sally Butler and Kenna Soucy, seniors Emma Thorell, Tavish Nunes and Sydnee Pires, juniors Ella Soutter, Emma Van Ness, Emma Peterson, Failenn Fitzpatrick, Charlotte Sisson and Reagan Rock, sophomore Kamryn Rodrigues, and freshmen Molly Sisson and Aubrie Letourneau.

Coach Jimmy Oliveira, who was assisted by Ryan Grace and Allyson Collette, appeared on the ORR School Committee Zoom meeting to offer his thanks for the support that the team received all along the way to its historic championship.

All Fall 2021 ORR teams made the state tournament and won at least one postseason match, advancing to deeper rounds.

There were individual achievements celebrated during the meeting, as four ORR student-athletes were voted league Most Valuable Player awards in their respective sports by South Coast Conference coaches: Maggie Brogioli in girls volleyball, Maggie Nailor in field hockey, Markus Pierre in golf and Hannah Whalley in girls cross-country.

Late in the meeting lasting over two hours, Devoll



addressed the out-of-season hazing incident that occurred within the boys ice-hockey program and resulted in the full-season suspension of several players.

"I think it's important that we follow up," said Devoll, explaining that ORR immediately contracted the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA,) the National Federation and the Hazing Prevention Association. Since then, he said, 216 current winter-sport athletes have completed an authorized Hazing 101 online course, and the school attorney is assisting in creating professional development opportunities for all coaches and team advisors.

Crediting committee member Frances Kearns' slogan of disrupting business as usual and taking the opportunity to make a change, ORR School Committee Chairperson Heather Burke said she expects all coaches and team advisors to be open, active participants in training opportunities.

"I think that it's a blind spot that we've had," she said, saying that it needs to go beyond an outcome and to be a process with daily interactions between adults and students. "It's not going to be a one-shot deal."

Devoll called it "a condition of employment. ... We all have to be on board with this."

Committee member Jason Chisholm suggested the training be built into the schedule for review, adding structure to build out a model because he considers the behavior repeatable. Devoll said he plans to meet weekly with winter-sports captains to hold such discussions. Burke agreed on the necessity of touch points and said it's up to the adults to solve the situations that arise.

Noting that the hazing incident occurred during an out-of-season activity, committee member Matthew Monteiro asked how the school can prevent such occurrences. Devoll said that given MIAA regulations confining the seasons when supervision is allowed each sport, it comes down to education.

"Our coach didn't know about it, our athletic director didn't know about it, but it was done within the team dynamic. Even in this case, you are responsible. Your conduct does impact the community," he said.

Nelson said the staff member who reported the situation to administration should be commended.

Several votes were taken in the meeting.

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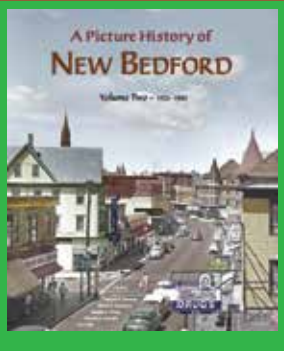

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Senior Class Vice President John Kassabian appeared to propose the ORR Senior Prom for Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at the Belle Mer on Goat Island off the coast of Newport, Rhode Island, and the committee voted to approve. Devoll told the committee that the venue has been used by ORR before. Kassabian said the price range being sought is $90 to $100 per ticket per student, the same price range as last year.

Burke advised Kassabian to be mindful of the contract so that should Covid-related restrictions arise via government order, the students would not lose out on their investment.

The committee also voted to approve field trips to the DECA club for the SCDC competition March 10-12 in Boston and ICDC competition April 23-26 in Atlanta.

Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber brought to the committee's attention a FY22 credit of $29,577 that lessens the overall debt figure and reduces the overall assessment that was approved at town meetings. The old figure of $16,341,970 excluded the $29,577 reduction, and the committee voted to approve the amended assessment of $16,312,393. Barber said that all three town administrators verified his finding.

With all votes out of the way, Nelson introduced the MCAS scoring summary to the committee, just as the principals of the tri-town elementary schools had done with their individual school committees in recent days.

As was the case in the elementary schools, the high school and junior high both showed a decline in

Jason King was sworn in as Mattapoisett's new police chief on December 16. The event was the featured agenda item in a Select Board meeting held in the new fire station. Photos by Mick Colageo

On December 17, members of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion went caroling. After warming up with hot cider and cookies, we walked along Joanne Drive, stopping to sing Christmas carols for many of the residents. We were greeted with smiles when people opened their front doors to hear us sing. Photos courtesy of Tanya Ambrosi

MCAS scores for 2021.

In their respective reports, both Burke and Nelson referenced the towns' input into the ORR regional school agreement, the first amendment since 1986. Both also credited the ORR Drama Club for its first in-person performance in two years, "You Can't Take It with You."

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Jannell Pearson-Campbell summarized professional development programs and a virtual parent-information night, and Student Services Director Craig Davidson said that 11 families learned about transitional skills for high school and after, and he also reported on a three-day site visit by the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in which special education was reviewed.

ORR Junior High Principal Silas Coellner discussed Project 351, an ambassador program and the selection of a student from each of the tri-towns.

Devoll also highlighted the ORR Drama Club and the daily Bulldog Block in which college representatives visit the high school and a partnership with Junior Achievement.

Eddie Gonet reported on the statewide Student Advisory Council two weeks prior to the School Committee meeting. There, he said he found interesting a new, portfolio approach toward student testing. He admitted frustration in the regional Student Advisory Council meeting over the failure to distribute pamphlets that were created by the council to speak to important issues. He also noted that each ORR class will raise $200 for the Neediest Families Fund.

Burke encouraged Gonet to continue speaking up and asking questions at such meetings.

A planned executive session was postponed upon discovery that the new quorum rules would not allow for one after the departure of a member from the meeting.

The next meeting of the ORR School Committee was not scheduled at adjournment.

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11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Joanna Makepeace Bennett and Christopher Makepeace
2:30 PM ORRHS Volleyball Championship vs Dennis-Yarmouth
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
5:00 PM The World Fusion Show
5:30 PM In the Toy Box
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Alzheimers Risks with Jennifer Hoadley
7:01 PM This is America & The World
7:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
8:02 PM Reel Smaht
8:30 PM Pete on the Street
9:00 PM Fan to Fan
9:30 PM Books and the World
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Monday December 27, 2021
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Health Expert
8:30 AM You and Your Health
9:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Glass Studio on Cape Cod
11:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting
11:30 AM Learning Music with Pat
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM Arts Alive
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Mattapoisett Library - Rare Books
5:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
7:00 PM The Friends of Jack Foundation
7:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
8:00 PM Pete on the Street
8:30 PM Reeling Movie Review
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday December 28, 2021
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM You and Your Health
8:30 AM Health Expert
9:07 AM Wellness Wednesday
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM The Friends of Jack Foundation
11:30 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:38 PM Garden Therapy Teas and Oils
2:07 PM The Non-Profit World
2:30 PM Garden Talk with Teresa
3:11 PM Car Enthusiasts with Richard Cutler
3:30 PM Life's Happy Stories
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Reel Smaht
5:00 PM The Friends of Jack Foundation
5:35 PM Off the Shelf
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM The Friends of Jack Foundation
7:30 PM Beyond my Cri
8:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
9:00 PM Talking Trek
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday December 29, 2021
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM Wellness Wednesdays
5:50 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
3:35 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM ORRHS Volleyball Championship vs Dennis-Yarmouth
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:03 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Seaweed
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT
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Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Marion Planning Board
9:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
11:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
1:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
1:30 PM Marion Finance Committee
2:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
3:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
4:00 PM Marion Board of Health
4:30 PM Marion School Committee
5:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
6:00 PM Marion Planning Board
7:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission
10:00 PM Marion Open Space Commission
10:30 PM Marion Finance Committee
11:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust

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7:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
9:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
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12:30 PM Rochester School Committee
4:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
5:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
7:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
9:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
10:00 PM Rochester School Committee
11:30 PM Old Rochester Regional School Committee

EDUCATION CHANNEL
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6:00 AM ORR Pep Rally 2021
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORR District School Committee
10:00 AM Sippican Holiday 2020
10:30 AM Sippican School Grade 6 Promotion Ceremony
11:30 AM Sippican All-School Jazz Band
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Old Colony Robotics Competition 2019
1:00 PM Old Colony Senior Awards Ceremony 2020
2:00 PM ORRHS Volleyball Championship vs. Dennis-Yarmouth
3:30 PM ORRHS Field Hockey vs. Gardner
5:00 PM ORRHS Football vs Somerset-Berkley
6:30 PM Unified Basketball vs Dighton-Rehoboth
7:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame: 1993 Undefeated Football Team
8:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
8:30 PM ORR District School Committee
11:00 PM ORR Pep Rally 2021

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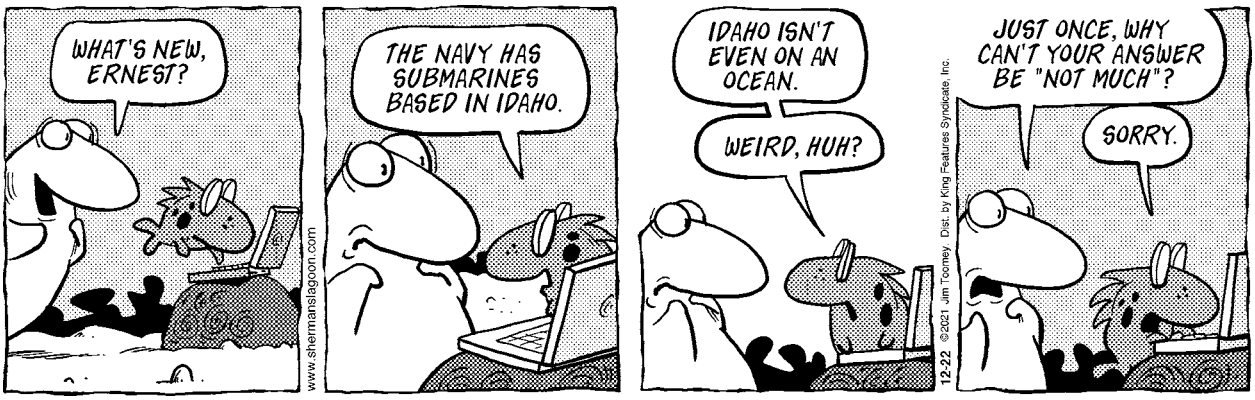
SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey



Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor;

Kudos to the first responders!

I owe my survival to the Mattapoisett Police Emergency Medical Service, staffed by paramedics and police officers trained to assist. After I suffered a near fatal aortic tear, they arrived on the scene in minutes, provided Advanced Life Support and rushed me to St. Luke's Hospital Emergency Room where doctors assessed the situation and sent me immediately to Boston for emergency cardiac surgery, which was followed by a week of medically-induced coma and two weeks of inpatient rehab. Without these First Responders, I could not have written a chapbook of poems chronicling my unexpected recovery. The collection has just been published, December 2021, by Lily Poetry Review Books.

Robbie Gamble RN and poet, says of the book: "With precise language and deep self-awareness, Margot Wizansky writes her way through the aftermath of a near-fatal medical emergency that left her in a week-long coma and months of gradual rehabilitation. Her poems thoughtfully consider her family's stunned love in crisis… the careful dance of redefining intimacy with her husband as her body and mind return to her…"

Margot Wizansky, Mattapoisett

Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, Dec 27: BBQ pork rib, scalloped potatoes, beans bonanza, potato bread, Mandarin oranges

Tuesday, Dec 28: Turkey stew, white rice, whole wheat roll, pineapple

Wednesday, Dec 29: Beef & cabbage casserole, mashed potatoes, oatmeal roll, pumpkin pie, diet: low-sugar cookie

Thursday, Dec 30: Mini ravioli w/pesto sauce, Tahitian blend, multigrain roll, pears

Friday, Dec 31: No meals served

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Marion COA To Pilot Food Pantry Program

Town Administrator James McGrail and Council on Aging (COA) Director Karen Gregory are pleased to share that the Marion Select Board has approved plans to pilot a food pantry for Marion residents.

The town is proposing to host the pantry at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center beginning in January 2022. The town hopes to open the pantry for a few hours on one weekday, one evening and one weekend

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OBITUARIES

Sandra Lee (Braley) Bowman, 70, of Mattapoisett died Thursday, December 16th, 2021.

She was the wife of the late Alexander Bates "Jock" Bowman, Jr.

Born in Wareham, daughter of the late Walter J. and Annette (Gendron) Braley, she was raised in Rochester and lived in Mattapoisett most of her life.

She enjoyed arts and crafts, and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her children, Alexander Bowman III and his significant other Tracey Burns of Norton, Donna Martin and her significant other Derrick Rodrigues of Assonet, Lori Serpa of New Bedford, Annette Bowman of Freetown, Steven Bowman and his wife April, and Kevin Bowman both of Mattapoisett, Edna Bowman and her significant other Nathan Limes of Illinois, Brian Bowman, Rose Bowman, Glen Bowman, Sarah Macfarland and Amanda Macfarland, all of Mattapoisett; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life for Sandra and Jock will be held at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Rd., Mattapoisett, on Saturday, January 15th from 1-4 pm. For online guestbook please visit www.saundersdwyer.com

Karen Ramos, 68, of Mattapoisett died December 8, 2021 at Rhode Island Hospital. Born in New Bedford, daughter of Caroline (Tavares) Sylvia and her husband John of Marion and the late Manuel J. "Rusty" Ramos, she lived in Mattapoisett most of her life.

She was formerly employed as a correctional officer by the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department for 20 years until her retirement. Karen served her country honorably in the U.S. Army from 1975-78.

Karen enjoyed music and reading and took great pride in her family who she loved very much. She was very spiritual, had a passion for travel, music, and the environment. She was happiest enjoying the beach on a sunny day or watching a beautiful sunset.

Survivors include her daughter, Brittany Fevrier and her husband Lawens of Smithfield, RI; a son, Graham Tuxworth of Dorchester; two grandchildren, Lawsen Fevrier and Greysen Fevrier; and Uncle, Peter Fermino of Mattapoisett and of New Bedford. Karen was formally married to Douglas Tuxworth, who was her lifelong friend and constant companion. She held a special place in her heart for Desmond Bourne.

She was the niece of the late Marcelina Lopes, David Fermino, Maurice Tavares, Antone Ramos, and Charles Fermino, Jr.

Her private arrangements and burial are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Karen's name to the OCVFA scholarship fund which can be mailed to OCVFA PO Box 722 Onset, MA 02558. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Carol L. (Tiernan) White, 73, of Mattapoisett passed away Friday December 17, 2021.

Born and raised in New Bedford, the daughter of the late Irene E. (Burgess) and Andrew J. Tiernan, Jr., she lived in Mattapoisett for many years. She was a graduate of New Bedford High School, Class of 1966.

Carol was formerly employed as a home health aide.

She is survived by her son, Christopher G. White and his companion Raquel M. Fernandes; her brother, Paul G. Tiernan and his wife Donna; her nieces, Erin Ptaszenski and her husband Steve, and Karin Tiernan and her companion Luke Glicksman; and her great-nephews and great-niece, Andrew, Ryan, and Leah.

She was the sister-in-law of the late Kathleen Tiernan.

In accordance with her wishes, a private family burial service will be held in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

William L. "Bill" Harris, 64, of New Bedford, MA passed away unexpectedly at his residence on December 17, 2021. He was born to the late Harry W. and Helen C. Harris (Costa) in New Bedford, MA on October 24, 1957.

Bill grew up in Mattapoisett, MA and graduated from Old Rochester High School in 1975. He had various jobs but his last job that he enjoyed was working at the Mattapoisett Boat Yard, helping to pull the boats in and out of the water. He also enjoyed fishing, spending time with friends and family loved walking the neighborhood and feeding the various animals around his home and his daily coffee run to Dunkin. He always went above and beyond to all that knew him and love to be a prankster and make you laugh.

He is survived by his Sisters; Ellen Hall, and Elizabeth Harris both of New Bedford, MA, his niece's; Brandy Hall of New Bedford, MA, and Scarlite Leighton of New Bedford, MA. His close friend Nikki Canfeild and her 3 boys; Clayten, Caiden, and Carson Viveiros, all of New Bedford, MA. He is preceded in passing by his Nephew Scott Hall in 2019. And his sister Peggy Lagasse.

Visitation will be held Thursday, December 23rd from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Rock Funeral Home, 1285 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, MA with funeral service at 4:00 pm.

day each week to help accommodate residents' varying schedules.

Families will be able to visit the pantry once per week and home deliveries will be offered to homebound residents through use of the COA vans.

The pilot program will begin by offering nonperishable food items. The items will be set up in the Community Center's conference room in a grocery-store style where residents will be able to select the items they need from the shelves.

The town is currently looking into food supply options, including a possible partnership with the Gleason YMCA Full Plate Program, which receives food from the Greater Boston Food Bank and other organizations as well as private donations.

The pantry will be funded through a Gleason YMCA grant, the COA donation account and private donations. It will be administered by Director Gregory and supported by volunteers.

If the pilot program is successful, future plans could include expanding to Mattapoisett and Rochester, adding perishable food offerings (contingent on storage availability) and working with additional food suppliers.

"Food security and nutrition is an important matter for the COA and one of the ways in which we aim to enhance the quality of life of community members," Director Gregory said. "Based on interest and turnout from past initiatives such as food drives and other meal program offerings, we believe this food pantry will be an important addition to our community and will benefit many families."

The poverty level in Marion is 4% and rises to 7% among seniors. Currently, there are 805 Marion residents enrolled in MassHealth (as of 2016;) however, only 362 residents receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp benefits. This 45% gap between residents receiving MassHealth and those receiving SNAP benefits is a key indicator of need in the community. Additional information regarding SNAP benefits, including eligibility and application information can be found at www.mass.gov/snap-benefits-formerly-food-stamps.

Furthermore, 20-30 students in Marion receive food weekly during the school year through various programs. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Marion's food distribution program averaged 44 cars per day serving an average of 99 people. According to data from the end of November, the Gleason YMCA in Wareham distributed 331 boxes of pre-selected food items which served 662 people, 279 of which were seniors.

During the coming weeks, Director Gregory will continue to work with the food pantry's steering group -- Nancy McFadden, Nancy Moore, Paul Naiman, Eric Pierce and COA Outreach Coordinator Gloria Solano – to finalize plans around food supply, logistics, staffing and program administration.

"Director Gregory and her steering group have done an excellent job planning for this initiative and looking into various food supply and funding sources," Town Administrator McGrail said. "We are looking forward to launching this needed resource for residents, especially as our community continues to deal with the impacts of the pandemic."

An official opening date for the pantry will be shared with community members once confirmed.

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OR Senior Amaya McLeod Recognized

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Old Rochester Regional High School Principal Mike Devoll are pleased to announce that senior Amaya McLeod has been presented with the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (M.A.S.S.) Award of Academic

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Movie Review

Geek Show

By Rob Gonsalves
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***Nightmare Alley.* Starring Bradley Cooper and Cate Blanchett. Directed by Guillermo del Toro. Running time: 150 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.**

Despite its darkness and pessimism, Guillermo del Toro's adaptation of William Lindsay Gresham's novel *Nightmare Alley* is a shapely piece of entertainment that may cheer you up. Grim as it often is, it's been put together with such obvious love and devotion that its energy carries us through Gresham's moralistic tale of a con artist — Bradley Cooper's Stanton Carlisle — whose imposture may or may not withstand the reality that there will always be someone shrewder, more ruthless and more powerful than he is. Gresham's book is a sandwich of crisp bread slices surrounding a bit of soggy meat, though del Toro and co-writer Kim Morgan streamline the narrative. They keep the bread fresh, and they retain Gresham's bleak ending while importing a stellar final line from the 1947 film version.

Stanton arrives at a carnival in 1939 and learns the ropes. He learns how to do "cold readings" as a self-proclaimed psychic; he also learns how an unscrupulous carny barker (Willem Dafoe in a brief but vivid turn) creates a "geek" — an attraction based on a down-and-out drunk's desperate willingness to do disgusting things in exchange for booze. Stanton falls in love with Molly (Rooney Mara), who does tricks with electricity, and they leave the carnival to strike out on their own scams. It's a bit of a bummer when Cooper leaves the seamy, intriguing milieu of strongmen and freaks in the company of Rooney Mara, who unfortunately remains a null presence. But the movie is still beautiful, with golden cinematography (Dan Laustsen) and richly crafted production design (Tamara Deverell) that keep our eyes happily engaged. *Nightmare Alley* is dark but not dreary.

Stanton and Molly do their psychic act for rich suckers. A canny psychiatrist, Dr. Lilith Ritter (Cate Blanchett), pegs Stanton as a flim-flam man the minute she lays eyes on him, but is drawn to his confidence and technique. Along about the hour-and-a-half mark, Richard Jenkins enters the picture as the richest sucker of all, who is led to believe Stanton can put him in spiritual contact with a past lover. Jenkins, as he did in *The Shape of Water,* grounds a del Toro film in bitter humanity, though he's playing much more of a scoundrel this time. Ultimately, nobody in this story is an innocent. The higher up you go, the more corrupt people you find. The picture of a pre-WWII America gouged by financial ruin and despair is deftly painted. Bradley Cooper, who spends a lot of his screen time with Rooney Mara and is thus casting his charisma into a vacuum, comes alive when he can play with Jenkins, or, for that matter, with Toni Collette or David Strathairn or Ron Perlman.

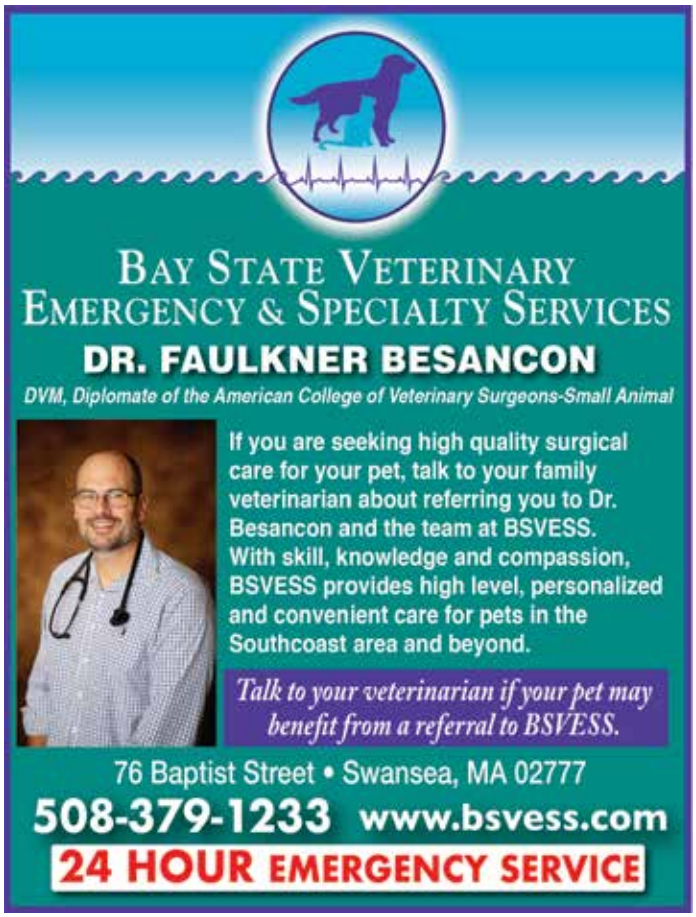
Gresham's novel is a bit mechanistic in the tradition of *noir,* but it's almost painfully internal; we seem to pause and hear the thoughts and feel the feelings of everyone, in Gresham's plain prose spiked with carny slang. Gresham stops for so long to detail the backstory of Molly and her beloved carny father that he seems carried away, almost surprised at how Molly is coming alive and developing flesh. Molly is pretty opaque in the movie; del Toro and Morgan really only have time to concentrate on Stanton, even with a 150-minute length. Del Toro seems a little deflated when he has to leave the carnival (Dafoe's lair of mutated fetuses and animals in jars is like a room in del Toro's famous collectible-filled home) and go to swanky wartime Chicago, so he reaches out gratefully for Cate Blanchett, who banks another suave Old Hollywood performance. Lilith, true to her name, is like a fancy vampire drawn to a different kind of parasite.

In recent years I've remained fond of the *idea* of Guillermo del Toro while being disappointed in his last few efforts. But *Nightmare Alley*, the sort of gift a director can only give to himself on the heels of an Oscar triumph, is the real thing, physically imposing (it's always raining or snowing outside the windows; objects have an almost pensive solidity and heft) and psychologically sound. Laid bare, the story casts the carny world as capitalism in microcosm, with misfits straining hard to make those quarters and dimes. The gawkers for the carny acts, even the geek act, are not portrayed as ghoulish or shameful — del Toro is too good-natured for that, especially since we and he are in the same crowd. The people getting bilked are in pain they'll pay good money to stop. Stanton is quite willing to take their pain and their money off their hands, either as a slick psychic or as a cautionary figure.

Excellence on December 8.

"Amaya is an exceptional student and role model within our school community who is confident, independent and compassionate," Principal Devoll said. "She shows a desire to learn and thrives in many of our most rigorous classes, and is a valuable member and leader in several of our school organizations. She is very deserving of this award and is an excellent representation of the students, leaders and citizens that we work to develop at ORRHS."

The M.A.S.S. Award of Academic Excellence is presented by the superintendent to a deserving student in each school district throughout Massachusetts. To be considered for the award, the student must be a member of the senior class with a cumulative GPA that places them in the top fifth percentile of their class. The nominee must also consistently demonstrate traits of leadership, social responsibility, respect for their fellow students and



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TriTown Happenings

Sunday's participants in the Tinkhamtown Chapel Christmas Carol Singalong braved a dramatic, postsunset drop in temperature and enjoyed the warmth of a solo bonfire loaned to the event by Lee Heald. Gail Roberts led distributed sheet music and led in song with musicians Louise Anthony playing the fiddle and Jack Dean the ukulele. Roberts thanked the White family for providing refreshments, the Chapel committee for its effort in maintaining the chapel and the Sewing Circle building next door and all who attended. Photos by Mick Colageo and Robert Price

The Marion Natural History Museum's afterschool group had a terrific time making crafts from natural and recycled materials last week. Pinecone bird feeders, beautiful stone ornaments, votive candles and much more were sent home with our creative kids. The museum wishes to thank the following volunteers: Karen Alves and Mike Cronin, Justin Barrett, Maggie Payne, Marc Sylvia, along with Kathleen Dunn and Sakurako Hunyh-Aoyama, both from Old Rochester Regional High School. Happy Holidays from the Marion Natural History Museum and be sure to check our website, marionmuseum.org for upcoming programs in 2022. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Leidhold

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

involvement in various aspects of the school community.

McLeod has been recognized for her academic success, dedication to school organizations and leadership roles and community service.

McLeod has taken several high-level classes, holds a 4.5 GPA and is currently second in the class rank. She has been recognized for her academic achievement many times, receiving academic excellence awards in AP Chemistry, Honors Precalculus, U.S. History and many more subjects. She is also a National Merit Semi-Finalist.

McLeod has been a member of the Student Council since her freshman year and currently serves as president of the Executive Board. She also serves as co-president of the Environmental Club and is a member of CORE (Creating Old Rochester Environment) as well as participates in many other school activities.

Last school year, she was nominated by faculty to represent the school at the American Legion Girls' State conference. She has additionally received a Presidential Service Award in recognition of her community service hours.

"Amaya has many impressive achievements as a student within our schools and consistently demonstrates character and integrity," Superintendent Nelson said. "She was a clear choice for this recognition, and I am pleased to recognize her as this year's recipient."

Rochester Historical Society Concert

Those who attended the holiday concert at the Rochester Historical Society Museum were treated to an entertaining hour of Christmas music played masterfully by organist Bruce Gardzina as he brought the mid-1800's organ to life. The day had a timeless feel as the sun streamed through the stained glass in the church/museum built in 1857. In

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TriTown Happenings

Now showing at the Mattapoisett Library through January 14 are stunning pieces of art known as "found objects art." The artist is Mattapoisett resident John Middleton whose love of beachcombing and deeply honed artistic know-how brings admired, new objects to life. Photos by Marilou Newell

Rochester Land Trust members Chip and Barbara Allen prepare to place cranberry garlands and apples in the woods at the Church Preserve as part of an event held in partnership with Plumb Corner Library.

Jennifer Dubois of the Rochester Land Trust demonstrated to children both young and old how to make winter treats for woodland animals on December 18 at the RLT property Church Preserve on Marion Road in Rochester.

Wyatt Smith, age 5, made winter treats for woodland animals on December 18 and then enjoyed placing them along the Trail Tale path at the Rochester Land Trust Church Preserve property.Photos by Marilou Newell

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addition to playing, Bruce explained some of the steps needed to play this relatively rare organ and also made adjustments for some of the old reeds that were damaged or missing.

The Historical Society has had some basic repairs done, but we would love to be able to bring it back to its previous glory. A vocalion organ is a form of a reed organ, but it produces the music somewhat differently. The sales material that accompanied the organ when it was donated to the Church in the late 1800's explains that in this type of instrument the reeds vibrate in the same way as the human throat and that when the organ is played it mimics a chorus of singers.

After the concert, everyone adjourned downstairs for mulled cider, a variety of desserts and good conversation. The attendees brought enough unwrapped gifts to brighten many children's holiday.

First Congregational Church of Marion

The local community, as well as all members and friends of the First Congregational Church of Marion, are invited to attend a traditional 7:00 pm **Christmas Eve Service** in our historic church. Given the interest in attending, this service expressed by many of the new visitors during the Christmas Stroll last Sunday, it is hoped that we will see many new faces Christmas Eve.

The traditional service will follow the format of the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols that was presented at King's College, Cambridge on Christmas Eve 1918 to offer solace to people who were distressed, exhausted, injured and, in many cases, bereaved at the end of the First World War. The service includes nine scripture readings interspersed with Christmas carols and special music and has been offered every year since 1918.

In this pandemic year many people are experiencing some of these same realities and feelings that many were experiencing at the time the service was started at King's College. While World War I, despite the pain and suffering, did give people a great sense of togetherness and community, the current pandemic forces people to be isolated, distanced, and anxious. During the service, Pastor Rich will lead us in a prayer for health as well as peace over the whole earth and to remember the isolated as well as the lonely and unloved. Alongside the oppressed, prayers will also be said for the exploited and the abused.

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Auditions at the MAC

The Marion Art Center has announced open auditions for all roles in the upcoming production of The Puzzle with the Piazza written by Mark Dunn and directed by Pippa Asker. Due to current MAC policies and for everyone's safety, only fully-vaccinated actors will be considered for roles. Auditions are scheduled on Saturday, January 8 from 10am-12pm and Sunday, January 9 from 2-4pm at the Marion Art Center, located at

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Tri-town Police Logs

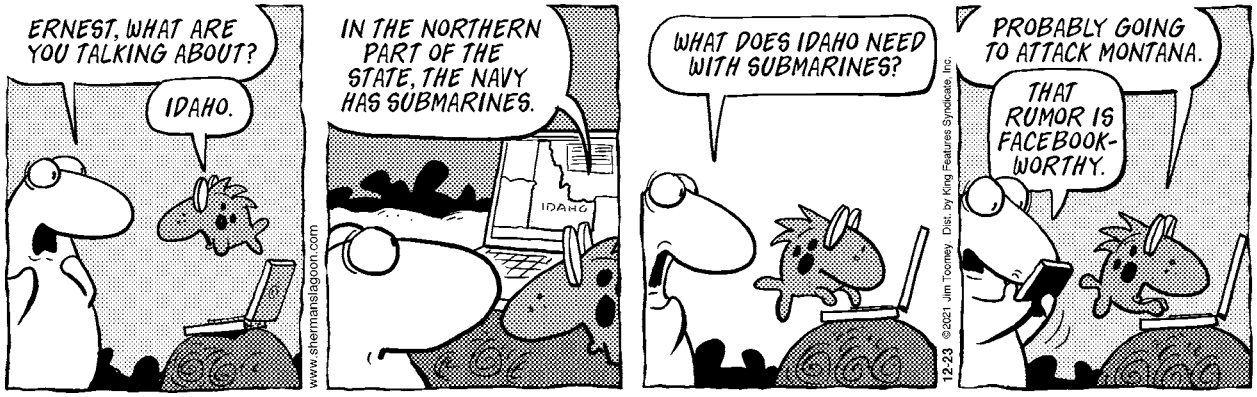
MARION
Log highlights Dec 12-Dec 18
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – Lost property
- Mill St - Transport
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Waterways disabled vessel
- Hammett's Cove Dr – Suspicious activity
- Converse Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Suspicious activity
- River Rd – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious person
- Mill St – Health/welfare
- Front St – MV collision
- Joanne Dr – Health/welfare
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Mill St – Identity theft
- Cottage St – Animal complaint
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – Suspicious activity
- Front St - Trespassing
- Reservation Way – EMS/medical
- Indian Cove Rd - Fraud
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Route 28 – MV collision
- Spring St – General service
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Cove Cir – Suspicious person
- Wianno Rd – Vandalism/past

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights Dec 12-Dec 18
- Aucoot Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- North St – MV violations
- Water St – Ambulance request
- North St – Follow up investigation
- Acushnet Rd – Animal control
- Marina Dr - Complaint
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- River Rd – MV violations
- Brandt Island Rd – Medical/assist
- County Rd - Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Winter Hill Rd – Officer wanted
- Barstow St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Main St – Health/welfare
- I195 West – MV crash
- Barstow St – Suspicious persons
- Marion Rd – Missing person
- Holly Woods Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Marion Rd – Follow up investigation
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- Water St – 911 call
- Abby Ln – Officer wanted
- Church St – Follow up investigation
- North St – Health/welfare
- Main St - Trespassing
- Park St – Health/welfare
- Depot St – MV violations
- County Rd – Assist citizen

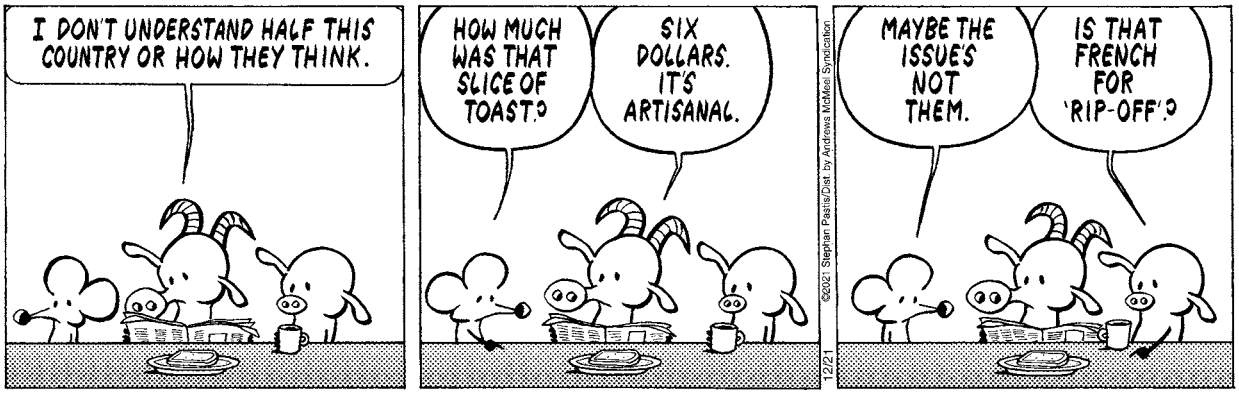
ROCHESTER
Log highlights Dec 12-Dec 18
- North Ave – Suspicious activity
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – Erratic MV
- Marys Pond Rd – Erratic MV
- High St – Erratic MV
- High St – 911 call
- Sarah Sherman Rd – 911 call
- North Ave – MV stop/citation
- Neck Rd – Disabled MV/towed
- Gifford Ln - Harassment
- Marion Rd - Medical
- Marys Pond Rd - Medical
- North Ave – MV collision
- Snipatuit Rd – Public assist
- Dexter Ln – 911 call
- Negus Way – Erratic MV
- Cranberry Hwy – MV lockout
- Maxim Rd - Investigation
- High St - Medical
- New Bedford Rd – House lockout
- Taber Ln – 911 call
- Walnut Plain Rd – Well being check
- Bassett St – Animal control
- Taber Ln - Medical
- Clapp Rd – Animal control
- Bradford Ln - Medical
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity
- Sarah Sherman Rd - Medical
- Marys Pond Rd – MV collision

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



80 Pleasant Street in Marion, MA. Performance dates are Friday, March 11-Sunday, March 13 and Thursday, March 17-Sunday, March 20. All Thursday-Saturday shows will begin at 7:30pm, and Sunday matinees will begin at 2:00pm. Anyone entering the Marion Art Center must wear a mask. Please send any questions to the director at pasker@comcast.net.

Director Pippa Asker will be casting four females and one male. Roles include: Althea Witlin - woman in her seventies; Leif Morrell - young man, thirties; Connie Morrell (Leif's wife) – thirties; Mattie Pleshette - young woman, neighbor, in her twenties/thirties; and Ina Gluck - Althea's sister – early- to mid-seventies.

Show Synopsis: The Puzzle with the Piazza, a new full-length comedy-drama by Mark Dunn, author of Belles, Five Tellers Dancing in the Rain and The Glitter Girls, tells the story of septuagenarian Althea Witlin who has one jigsaw puzzle among her large collection that she's never worked. It contains 3,000 pieces, and she has less than a day to finish it because poor health has forced her to move in with her younger sister … without her puzzles. The Puzzle with the Piazza is a gentle, bittersweet comedy/drama about the fragility of family ties and the often much stronger bonds of friendship that lattice the final years of our lives.

New Mending Workshop in February - The Marion Art Center will offer a new one day workshop, Visible Mending with Sashiko with Instructor Crickett Warner, on Saturday, February 12 from 10:00am-1:00pm. Join the renewed trend of repairing your clothing with beautiful traditional Japanese mending techniques and patterns. First recorded in Japan in the 16th century, peasants repaired worn-out clothing using scraps and layering to make material stronger. Local patterns identified people from different regions. Using thread and needles specifically made for sashiko stitching, most students will complete one patch during the workshop, and some may finish up the last bits at home. Patterns and directions will be provided. Some denim jeans will be available to practice on, but it's best for students to bring their own (holes not required) so the masterpieces can be worn! The cost for the three-hour workshop is $60 for MAC members and $65 for nonmembers plus a $10 materials fee per student. Registration is open now online. More information including a list of provided materials can be found at marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

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Machacam Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 3**. We will not be meeting in January. We wish a happy, healthy and fruitful Holiday Season to all Club members and to all in our wider community.

Marion Fire Department Launching Reflective House Number Program

Chief Brian Jackvony is pleased to announce that the Marion Fire Department is launching a program to provide homeowners in town with reflective address markers to ensure their home can be easily found by first responders in an emergency.

The address markers are designed to be highly visible during the daytime and nighttime and will have reflective material on both sides in order to be visible from both directions. They are also designed to be fade resistant.

The markers will have predrilled holes and can be mounted to mailbox posts or lawn stakes. Assistance will be provided for those that are unable to install or mount the markers themselves.

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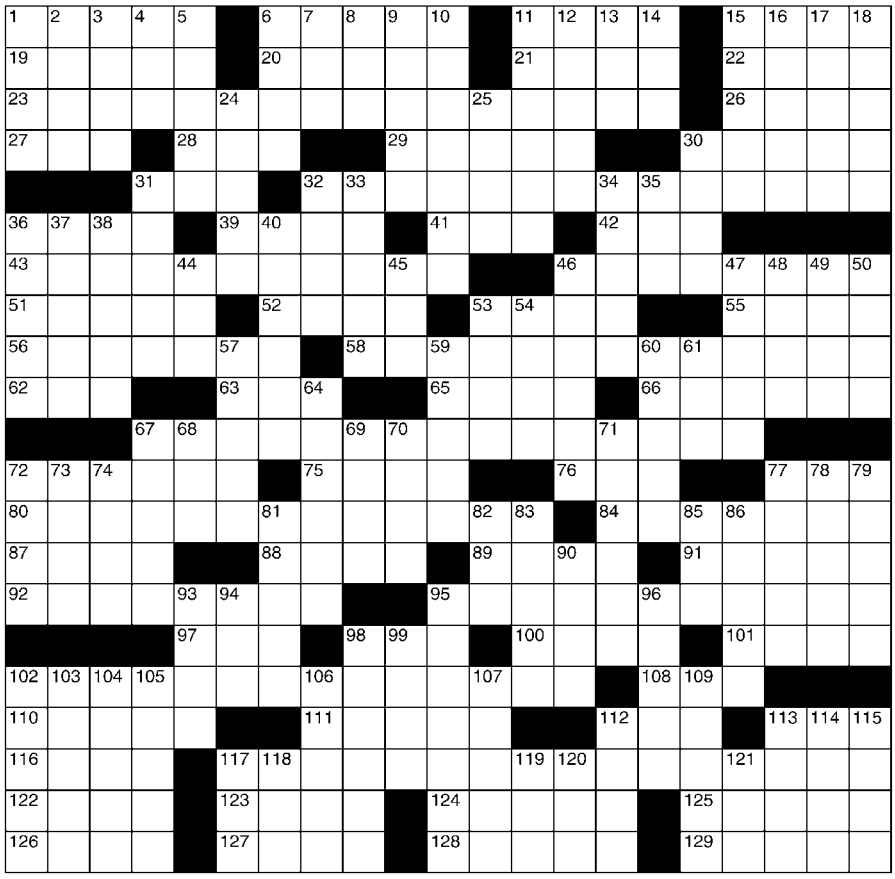
ACROSS
1 Tribal carving
6 Beatle Ringo
11 Depict with bias
15 Ellipsoidal
19 Earthy tone, to a Brit
20 Magazine release
21 Irene of "Fame"
22 Central point
23 He played Jim Dial on "Murphy Brown"
26 Kazan with three Tonys
27 Carp in a garden pond
28 Football's Manning
29 "— my way!" ("Scram!")
30 Cathedrals' main areas
31 Necklace of 12-Down
32 Strong product-selling influence
36 Toon skunk Le Pew
39 Nonstick cookware brand
41 Ending for priest
42 In-favor vote
43 Partly joking
46 Shabby hotels
51 Striped stone
52 "Are you — out?"
53 Currency of Belgium
55 Dormant
56 Able to feel
58 Taking a rolling pin to
62 Period
63 Add- — (extras)
65 Brings a civil action
66 Snare loops
67 What the Australian Open is played on
72 Druids, e.g.
75 Burn soother
76 Bruins' Bobby
77 Purpose
80 Black Protestant denom. since 1821
84 Have coming
87 Green shade
88 Blood-related
89 Daddy
91 Pond buildup
92 Expected saviors
95 Gave a worthy effort
97 — -ray Disc
98 Long-headed antelope
100 Florence's river
101 Pod items
102 Franz Liszt piano piece in 3/4 time
108 Purpose
110 In regard to
111 Conga relative
112 Standoffish
113 Animal kept in the house
116 Feudal VIP
117 Crossing during a journey
122 Balladeer Burl
123 Green shade
124 Ho-hum feeling
125 Volunteer's offer to be sent
126 Disaffirm
127 Male tabbies
128 Regards as
129 Sequence found in this puzzle's nine longest answers

DOWN
1 Tick follower
2 Eight, in Madrid
3 Bangkok resident
4 Fumble
5 Rumble
6 "Yes, yes!," in Mexico
7 "For shame!"
8 "Just — suspected!"
9 Bit of hearsay
10 Reprimands
11 Actors Baio and Wolf
12 A Hawaiian Island
13 Work unit, in physics
14 Sound of a crying baby
15 Ryan of "Love Story"
16 Swedish vehicle make
17 Ta-ta, to Tati
18 Most minor
24 Aristocratic
25 Numbered hwys.
30 Scholastic sports org.
31 Some turns and jabs
32 Principal
33 Standoffish
34 Tarp material
35 "I didn't know that!"
36 Period
37 Avid
38 First strategy
40 Buddy
44 Viking locale
45 E-address
46 Plaster painting
47 Archie Bunker, e.g.
48 Hubbubs
49 Model binder
50 U.S. Open units
53 Sewing case
54 Beehive State college team
57 Bodily trunk
59 Ed of "Roots"
60 Habituate (to)
61 Negative conjunction
64 Neat piles
67 Visibility reducers
68 DiFranco of song
69 Pre-coll., in education
70 Pluralizable word
71 Appoint to holy office
72 Oahu tree
73 French gal pal
74 Tiara stones
77 Have a tiff
78 She divorced Donald
79 Intersects
81 Bible book after Micah
82 Tax form pro
83 Went to town on
85 Plant pouch
86 Run off to tie the knot
90 Cuzco locale
93 "Likely story!"
94 "Thrilla in Manila" boxer
95 Spoke indistinctly and softly
96 Put one's finger on, say
98 "R.I.P." sites
99 City in Alaska
102 Legitimate
103 Superior to
104 Sophia of "Two Women"
105 Froth-filled
106 Pious song
107 "Common Sense" writer Thomas
109 Aleppo locale
112 Possible reply to "That so?"
113 Hungarian sheepdog
114 Kellogg's waffle brand
115 Holier-than- —
117 Blast source
118 — Grande
119 Dir. from Little Rock to Chicago
120 Juicy Fruit, e.g.
121 Bullring yell



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) I know, dear Lamb, that you don't like anyone trying to take charge of one of your projects, but try to be a bit more flexible. A new idea could help hasten a positive result.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) I'm sure, like the time-thrifty Taurus that you are, that you've done much of your holiday shopping. But don't relax yet. Wrap those gifts now to save yourself lots of unwanted pressure.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be receptive when a family member or friend asks to confide in you. Your positive reaction could ensure that he or she will have a happy holiday experience.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't be rushed into wrapping up that workplace problem. Consider leaving it until after the holidays. This way you'll have the facts you need to reach the right resolution.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You'll get news that will make you glow brighter than the lights of the holiday season. Be sure to use what you learn both carefully and kindly, to avoid giving the wrong impression.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That frayed relationship could be mended in time for the holidays if you were more flexible. Give a little, and you could get back a lot more than you imagined.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Things might not seem to be settling down as quickly as you would prefer. But it might be just a little holiday time flutter. You'll soon get news that will lead to more stability.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Stop getting so involved in everyone's personal problems that you lose precious time with loved ones. Remember, even the Supreme Court closes for the holidays.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) All signs point to a bright holiday, with all of those pesky problems finally resolved in your favor. Share the good times with people you love and, of course, who love you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your plans should not be set in stone and cemented over. Leave some openings in case you need to make changes. Spend the holidays with your nearest and dearest.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Surprise! This holiday finds you on the receiving end of the generosity of those who are usually the recipients of so much that you give so freely and lovingly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) That piece of good news assures that you'll be swimming in clearer, calmer waters this holiday season. There might be a storm or two ahead, but you'll weather it all in fine style.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a flair for seeing things as you'd like them to be, as well as a gift for turning your perceptions into reality.

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The markers will be free to Marion's senior homeowners age 55 and above thanks to a $2,180 Massachusetts Department of Fire Services Senior SAFE grant that was awarded to the Marion Fire Department in February.

"Seconds matter in an emergency, and it is incredibly important that we are able to locate a house as fast as possible," Chief Jackvony said. "Reflective markers such as those provided through this program will help first responders find and ensure they are in the correct location, both during the day and at night. We are grateful to the Department of Fire Services and Baker-Polito Administration for making available the funding that allows us to provide this important safety tool to our senior residents for free."

Markers are available to homeowners under age 55 for $20.

Orders can be emailed to marionmafireassociation@gmail.com or mailed to the Marion Fire Department, 50 Spring St., Marion, MA 02738.

Questions about the program or submitting an order should be directed to marionmafireassociation@gmail.com or 508-748-3596.

All residents are reminded of the importance of having large and clearly visible house numbers. Numbers should be facing the street, visible at night and not blocked by trees or bushes. Those with long driveways should have house numbers on both sides of a mailbox or a sign pole at the end of their driveway near the roadway. Learn more here.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

Reading through some of the old memoirs that tell of Rochester customs and events, there is no mention of Christmas. Abraham Holmes writes about some holidays, the 4th of July and Thanksgiving but not about any Yuletide festivities. L.C. Humphrey also makes no

LEGAL NOTICES

Town of Rochester
Zoning Board of Appeals
Public Notice
#1170
Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Industrial Tower and Wireless, LLC for property located at 0 High Street, identified on Assessor's Map 19, Lot 5 who is seeking a Special Permit for the construction of a 190-foot monopole style telecommunications facility under Chapter 22.30 Personal Wireless Services Facilities of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.
The public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. as both a hybrid meeting at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA and on Zoom.
To join the Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992269780
Meeting ID: 899 9226 9780
One tap mobile: 646 876 9923
David Arancio, Chairman Publication Dates: 12/23, 12/30 (online only), 1/6

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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLACE OF MEETING: Town Hall – Banquet Room
Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/94115137952?pwd=MXpoVWp-KTFBEUmluT1pWSCtiVzJCQT09
or call 1-929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 941 1513 7952
Passcode: 361259
DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm
MEETING: Public Hearing In-Person in Banquet Room or via Zoom
I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS
Quorum/Attendance
Acceptance of Minutes – December 2, 2021
II. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
1. Administrative Appeal by Fairhaven Shipyard – 7 Union Street. REF#: ZBA-AA 01: Seeking reversal of zoning determination by the Town of Fairhaven Building Commissioner dated February 20, 2020. Continued from April 7, 2020, May 5, 2020, June 2, 2020, July 7, 2020, August 11, 2020, September 2, 2020, December 1, 2020, August 3, 2021, September 7, 2021, October 5, 2021 November 2, 2021 and December 2, 2021.
2. Administrative Appeal by A1 Crane – 86-88 Middle Street. REF#: ZBA-AA-02: Administrative Appeal from a letter dated April 7, 2020 from the Building Commissioner stating that the operation on the site is in violation of the mixed-use zoning regulations. Continued from December 1, 2020, August 3, 2021, September 7, 2021, October 5, 2021, November 2, 2021 & December 2, 2021.
3. REF#: ZBA-2022-022: 184 Balsam Street. Applicant & Owner: Robert and Karen Sullivan. Applicant seeks a Variance to construct a dock greater than 75 feet in length due to shallowness of docking area pursuant to Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-32.2(3)(a). Continued from December 2, 2021.
4. REF#: ZBA-022-023: 2 Elliot Lane, Map 12, Lots 196-198. Applicant & Owner Sandra Gifford. Applicant seeks a Special Permit under the Fairhaven Bylaw 198-16, to construct a two-floor addition, for the purpose of an in-law suite of approximately 1,400 square feet. Continued from December 2, 2021.
5. REF#: ZBA-2022-025: 2 Oxford Street. Applicant and Owner: 2 Oxford Street, LLC. Applicant seeks: (1) Special Permit, pursuant to the Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-32.2, for a proposed 70' fixed pier, 30' gangway and four (4) floats totaling 2500 sq. feet;
(2) Variance from 198-32.2(C)3(b) to exceed the 150' maximum pier length to the proposed 215' length; (3) Variance from 198-32.2 C. 7 to exceed the 300 sq. ft. total area of any and all floats to the proposed four (4) floats with 1500 sq. ft. of area; (4) Variance from 198-32.2(C)8 for an increase from the maximum amount of boats not to exceed two (2) as the four (4) floats will accommodate several boats. Continued from December 2, 2021.
6. REF#: ZBA-2022-029: 227 Main Street, Map 16, Lots 74, 78 & 79. Applicant: Chris Thomas. Owner: Krisanne Sheedy. Applicant seeks Special Permit under the Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-29(2), to allow parking reconstruction with eight additional parking spaces for residents and visitors.
7. REF#: ZBA-2022-030: 114 Sconticut Neck Road, Map 28A, Lot 192. Applicant and Owner: Ronald Oliveira. Applicant seeks a finding from the Board under MGL 40A, Section 6 to allow for increase of area of a nonconforming use by 916 square feet and that the alteration is not more substantially detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood.
8. REF#: ZBA-2022-031: 10 Crescent Drive, Map20D, Lot 108. Applicant and Owner: Sandra Pontbriand. Applicant seeks a Variance from the minimum side setback of 10 feet to the 5 feet proposed, pursuant to the Fairhaven Zoning Bylaw 198-18. 12/16, 12/23

TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #792, Modification

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold an online public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 13, 2022 on the application of Jay Flanagan for a Variance from section 230-5.1 of the bylaw to allow a covered entry to be four feet closer to street than the current non-conforming structure is sited; and for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1C of the zoning by-law to allow an extension of a non-conforming garage (both height and footprint) to accommodate two bedrooms and bath.

The property, located at 26 West Avenue, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 3 as Lot 6.
Cynthia Callow, Chairperson
**Please contact Anne Marie Tobia at 508-748-3516 or atobia@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 12/23, 12/30 (on-line only), 1/6

TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #798

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold an online public hearing at 6:35 pm on Thursday, January 13, 2022 on the application of Terence & Kym Lee for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1(c) of the zoning by-law to allow the construction of an addition to the existing non-conforming residence.

The property, located at 43 Holmes Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 16 as Lot 131C.
Cynthia Callow, Chairperson
**Please contact Anne Marie Tobia at 508-748-3516 or atobia@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 12/23, 12/30 (on-line only), 1/6

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of Public Hearing Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on January 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, 476 North Ave, Rochester, MA 02770 regarding a Definitive Subdivision Application for a two-lot subdivision within the Residential/Agricultural District, filed by Decas Cranberry Co., LLC, for property located at 0 Mary's Pond Road, Rochester, MA 02770, Map 12 Lot 7. The applicant proposes a two lot subdivision with a 365 foot long recycled asphalt roadway. The applicant's representative is John L. Libby Consulting, 24 Logan Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. The property owner of record is Fruit D'Or Real Estate USA Corporation. The application and associated submittal documents are available for review at the Planning Board Office at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87413982873Meeting ID: 874 1398 2873Or Call: 1 646 876 9923
Arnold Johnson, Chairman 12/23, 12/30 (on-line only), 1/6

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF REMOTE PUBLIC MEETING

An Open Meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7:00 pm regarding a Notice of Intent filing by property owners Clapp Nominee Trust c/o William Clapp, for property located at 0 Clapp Road Rochester, MA 02770, Map 30 Lot 3A (ANR Lot 2-2). This Open Hearing is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency effective June 16, 2021. The applicant seeks to confirm proposed single- family dwelling and associated utilities is outside of the buffer zone .The applicant's representative is Schneider, Davignon and Leone, Inc., 1 County Road, P.O. Box 480, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.This meeting is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87847886758 Meeting ID: 878 4788 6758 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923
Christopher Gerrior, Chairman 12/23

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An Open Meeting of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7:00 pm regarding a Notice of Intent filing by property owners Clapp Nominee Trust c/o William Clapp, for property located at 0 Clapp Road Rochester, MA 02770, Map 30 Lot 3B (ANR Lot 2-3). This Open Hearing is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency effective June 16, 2021. The applicant seeks approval to construct a single family dwelling, in ground pool, and septic system. The applicant's representative is Schneider, Davignon and Leone, Inc., 1 County Road, P.O. Box 480, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.This meeting is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87847886758 Meeting ID: 878 4788 6758Or Call: 1 646 876 9923
Christopher Gerrior, Chairman 12/23

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Notice of Intent submitted by DG Service Company, Inc. for 23 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA as shown on Assessor's Map 16, Lots 108 and 279. The applicant proposes to remove an old fill pile at the rear of the property and erect a 24x40 shed within the 100-foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.
**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 12/23

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mention of Christmas in his letter. Browsing through some of the Rochester Journals, a project conducted by Lucy Loomis when she was town librarian, I found an excerpt from the memoirs of J. Augustus Johnson (who was born in 1836 and spent his early years in Rochester) that may offer an explanation. He writes that " There were no Christmas trees or gifts at Christmas, except simple things that Santa Claus put in our suspended stockings overnight. The Christmas as observed by our Episcopal friends was held to be too great a concession to the usages of the Roman Catholic Church for a Congregational town."

Certainly, as the years passed, the adherence to their Puritan ancestors' view of the Christmas holidays faded, but there is still not a lot of references to how the holiday was celebrated in the 30's and 40's. Eunice Jenkins remembered one Christmas when her mother was in the hospital for the birth of a new brother. The Women's Club brought a basket of groceries which included paint sets for all the children.

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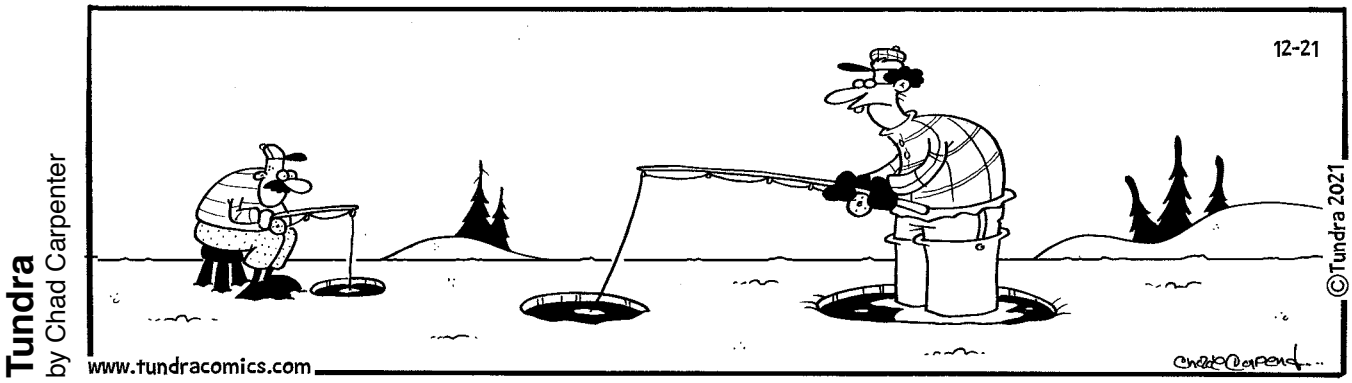
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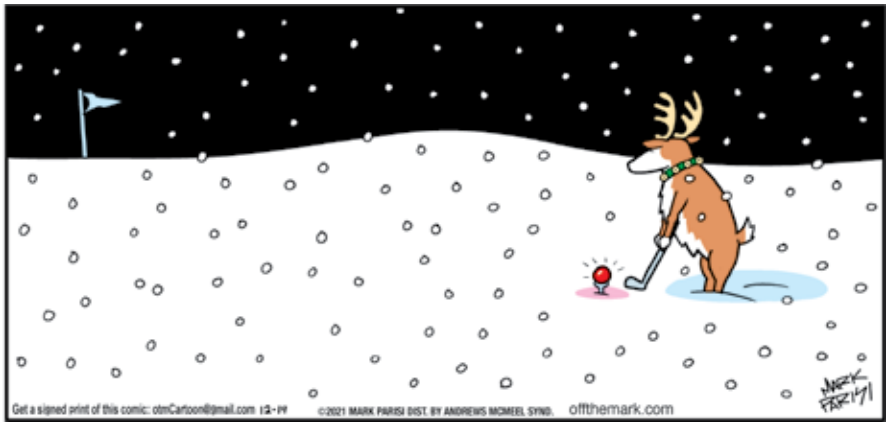
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Unfortunately, in 1975, shortly before the Brotherhood disbanded, the Christmas displays were severely vandalized along with damages at Town Hall and several other buildings in the center. Indeed, the season did not always bring out the best in some people. The previous December a blue spruce that had been donated by Alan Hartley and planted beside the watering trough was cut down and taken away, most probably to become the thief's Christmas tree. Fortunately, it's unlikely that such a fate would befall our current town Christmas tree which is taller and much closer to Town Hall.

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by Linda Thistle

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If you would like to learn more about Helping Hands and Hooves, go to our website at www.helpinghandsandhooves.org. If you have any questions, please call Debbi Dyson at (508) 758-4717 or email info@helpinghandsandhooves.org.

MAC Call for Entries & Holiday Schedule

The Marion Art Center will close for the season at 2:00pm on Saturday, December 18 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 4 for drop-off day for its first gallery show of the year, the Winter Members' Show. The show runs January 7-February 11, with an opening reception scheduled on Friday, January 7 from 5-7pm. All MAC members are invited to participate with up to two pieces each. All works must have been executed by the artist within the last five years and must not have been previously shown at the Marion

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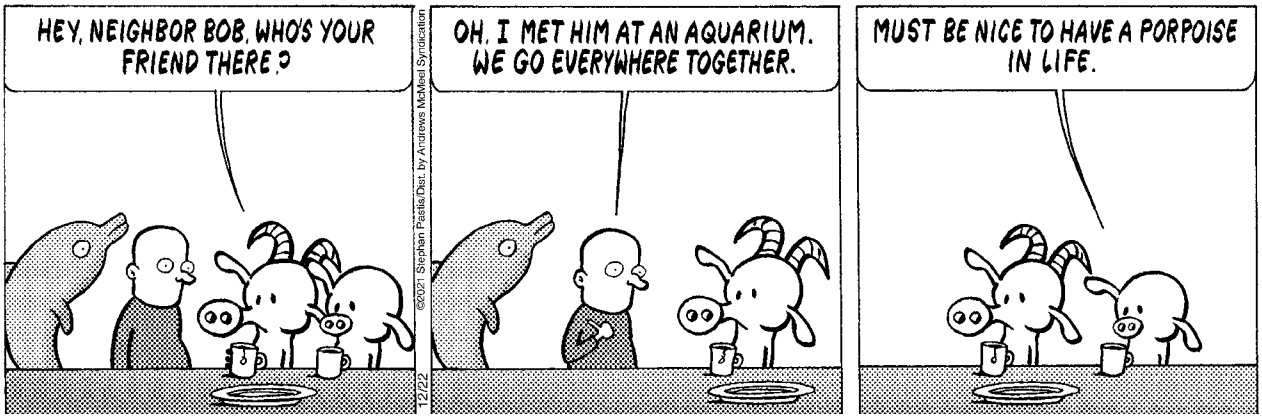

Art Center. The MAC will not exhibit works that are in poor condition (including frame,) are not properly prepared for installation or are works that have been shown at the MAC before. To exhibit, members should drop off work to the MAC at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion on Tuesday, January 4 between 10:00am-4:00pm. An artist contract can be found and downloaded from the website at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit. Artists may contact the MAC with any questions by emailing info@marionartcenter.org with "members show" in the subject line or by leaving a phone message at (508) 748-1266. Email and phone messages will be checked periodically during the MAC's seasonal closure.

Online registration is open for winter classes starting in January: All Levels Watercolor Painting for Adults continues with an eight-week session with Instructor Jay Ryan on Friday mornings from 10:00am-12:00pm in the MAC Studio, January 7 – February 25. There is a drop-in option ($30 per day) for students who can't commit to the entire session. The cost is $195 for MAC members and $220 for nonmembers for the full eight-week course. Register at marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

MAC Dance Academy continues with a five-week winter session taught by instructor Erin Murphy, January 3 through February 14, with a new class added for preteens (ages 10-12.) MAC Dance Academy is a low-key, low-cost dance program geared toward girls and boys ages 3-12 and meets Monday afternoons at the MAC. Classes for preschool, beginner, intermediate and preteen meet for half an hour each, 4:00-6:00pm in the MAC's upstairs gallery. The cost for the five-week session is $95 for MAC members and $105 for nonmembers. Find out more and register online at marionartcenter.org/mac-dance-academy.

A new eight-week session of Art + Play with Instructor Aylin Cetik runs January 12-March 9 (with no class on Feb. 23,) Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30am in the MAC Studio. This class is for children ages 3, 4 and 5 and their caregivers (only one adult per child.) Cost for the 8-week session is $125 for MAC members and $145 for nonmembers with a one-day drop in option at $20 per day. Description: Children will explore various art materials, natural elements, art tools and creative processes. Children will have the opportunity to discover and learn through art while making new friends in a safe and nurturing environment. Note: Masks are required at all times for adults and are encouraged for children (though exceptions can be made for children under 5) while inside the Marion Art Center. Register at marionartcenter.org/art-lab.

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Eliza Van Voorhis	December 26
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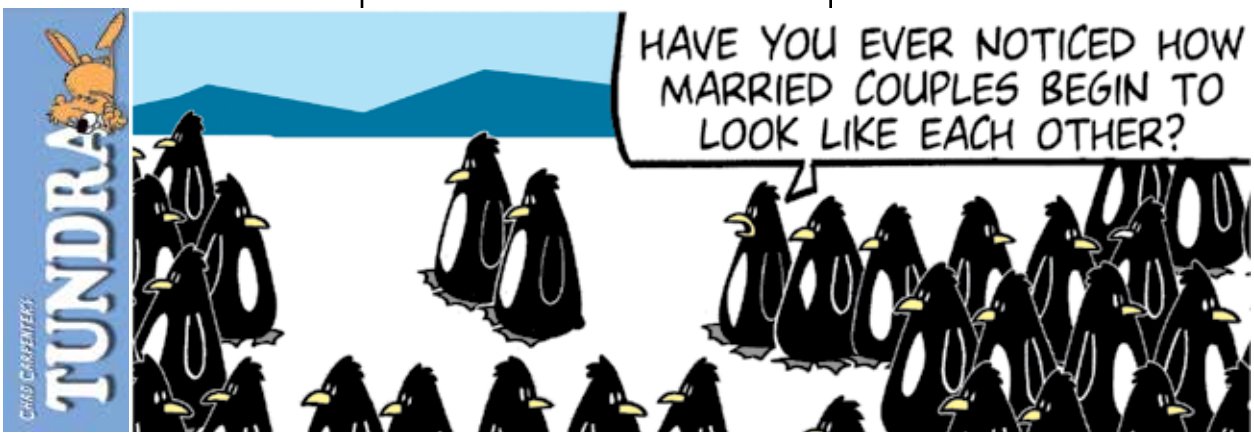

Half-hour lessons (one day each week per student) are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-7:00pm. The cost for 7 weeks of lessons is $245 for MAC members and $260 for nonmembers. Families receive 10% back on lessons when they purchase tuition for two or more people from the same household. Register online at marionartcenter.org/classes-workshops.

Instructor Lisa Elliott will teach a new session of Weaving on a Rigid Heddle Loom on Sunday afternoons, January 16-February 13 at the Marion Art Center. Have you ever wanted to try weaving but not sure where to begin? In five short weeks, you can learn a new fiber skill and take home your very first woven project. Students will weave one of the following: a scarf, table runner, set of placemats or set of tea towels. Looms and weaving equipment are provided, but students will provide their own yarns. Students meet from 1:30-4:00pm in the MAC Studio. The cost is $150 for MAC members and $160 for nonmembers, and the class is limited to six students. Register at marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

Rochester Historic Commission Historic Plaque Program

The Rochester Historical Commission is pleased to announce a voluntary Historic Structure plaque program to recognize the rich historic and architectural history of our town and the people who lived here. Hopefully, these plaques will enhance the appearance of our town's older properties and provide information about and pride in them. These plaques will help tell our shared history and stimulate an interest and appreciation of the diversity of architectural styles in our town. They will be a fitting way to recognize the historical and architectural heritage of Rochester.

A property will qualify if it can meet two of the following criteria:

Age: The structure is of an advanced age (usually built prior to 1970) and retains significant original character and design.

Event: Structures associated with an historic event of local, regional or national significance.

People: Structures associated with the life of a person or group who made a notable contribution to history. If the original owner cannot be verified, a subsequent owner of historic significance may be listed.

Style: A structure with distinctive characteristics of architectural or construction type.

Cultural Landscape/Archeology: A former structure that contributed to the understanding of our local history of record such as a farm or business.

Plaques will not restrict owners from making changes to their property. The plaques are decorative and informational only. The plaque is a medium-density overlay (MDO) waterproof signboard, finished with three coats of special sign painters' oil-based primer and a white enamel topcoat with black antique lettering.

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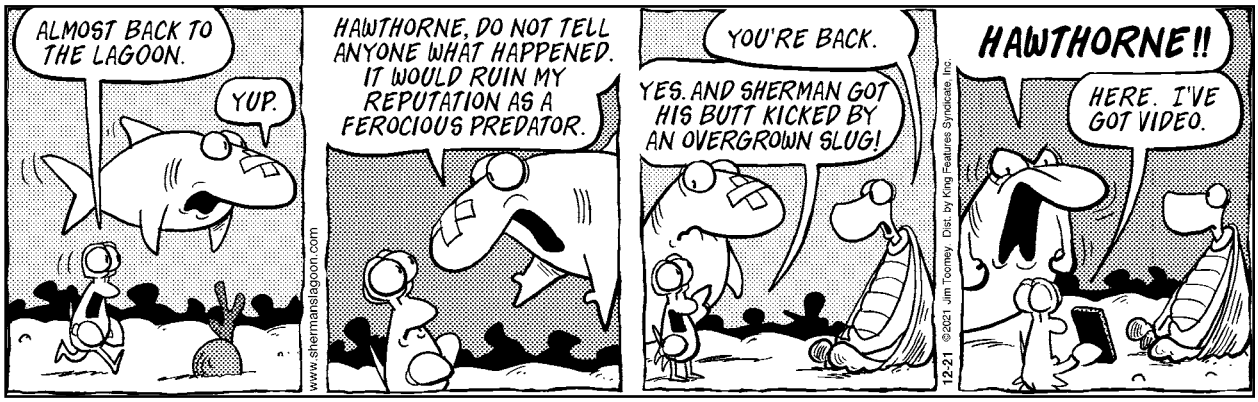

Holes are predrilled and include stainless steel screws for mounting.

The plaques are 12-inches high and 16-inches wide. RHC asks that plaques be attached to the front facade of the house and visible from the street, if possible.

Homeowners may ascertain information about their properties by consulting the following sources:

The Survey of Historical and Architectural Resources, 4 volumes organized into areas and streets which can be found at the Plumb Library, Town Hall and the Rochester Historical Society or online from the Massachusetts Historical Commission database (http://mhc-macris.net) or historic maps on the RHC website. Owners will then complete an application form found on the RHC portion of the town website and send it to the Rochester Historical Commission, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester with a check for $75.00 made out to Oulde Colony Artisans. The Rochester Historical Commission will review the applications at its scheduled monthly meeting. Any changes will be discussed with owners prior to submission to sign maker.

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NBSO Presents Rituals

On Saturday, **January 8**, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra presents "Rituals." Under the direction of Music Director Yaniv Dinur, the orchestra will perform works by Clarice Assad, Max Bruch, Jesse Montgomery and Ottorino Respighi. The guest artist for this concert is violinist Vadim Gluzman.

Recognized as one of today's top violinists, Mr. Gluzman will perform Bruch's beloved Violin Concerto, a piece that never fails to enchant listeners. Plus, in this program that evokes different places and customs, the orchestra performs Nhanderú by Clarice Assad. Her lush music depicts an old rainmaker ritual in the Amazon Basin. Jesse Montgomery's nostalgic piece Records from a Vanishing City recalls the composer's upbringing in New York City and the music that accompanied it. And Respighi's Roman Festivals brings back to life the ceremonies, festivities and wild games of Ancient Rome.

"Rituals" will take place on January 8, 7:30 pm at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center in downtown New Bedford. Please join us in the theatre at 6:30 pm for Yaniv Dinur's pre-concert talk to learn more about the evening's music. Doors to the theatre will open at 6:00 pm. Tickets are $10–$65, with $5 student tickets (available at the box office only with student ID.) Purchase tickets through the Z box office, 508-994-2900 or online at www.nbsymphony.org. Convenient concert parking is available in the Z garage for a $4 cash fee or on the streets surrounding the theater.

The Zeiterion requires all attendees at indoor performances and gatherings over the age of 12 to provide documentation demonstrating full vaccination against the COVID-19 virus or submit documentation of a negative COVID-19 test, (PCR test within 72 hours or antigen test administered by a provider within 24 hours of the show that you are attending) along with a photo ID. Properly-fitting face masks are also required for all ages. Please visit www.zeiterion.org to view current details on all Health & Safety protocols. Also, note that a stage extension will be used for this concert and covers the first 5 rows of seating.

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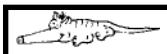
Labrie, Michaela Labrie, Colin	Pope, Michelle TR Ronald, Noonan RT 2018	25 Main St	Marion	12/03/2021	600,000.00
Demers, Paul M Demers, Betty	Greco, Victoria L TR Victoria L Greco LT	3 Abby Ln	Mattapoisett	12/06/2021	799,000.00

off the mark by Mark Parisi

Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	December 23	10:19	10:56	3:34	4:19
Friday	December 24	11:05	11:44	4:15	4:55
Saturday	December 25	11:54		5:00	5:37
Sunday	December 26	12:34	12:46	5:57	6:29
Monday	December 27	1:25	1:40	7:09	7:29
Tuesday	December 28	2:20	2:39	8:30	8:31
Wednesday	December 29	3:20	3:45	9:44	9:30
Thursday	December 30	4:23	4:50	10:46	10:26
Friday	December 31	5:23	5:49	11:42	11:19
Saturday	January 1	6:19	6:44		12:38
Sunday	January 2	7:13	7:37	12:14	1:34
Monday	January 3	8:05	8:29	1:09	2:28
Tuesday	January 4	8:57	9:22	2:06	3:16
Wednesday	January 5	9:49	10:15	3:00	3:59
Thursday	January 6	10:41	11:09	3:51	4:39
Friday	January 7	11:34		4:43	5:19
Saturday	January 8	12:05	12:27	5:41	6:03
Sunday	January 9	12:59	1:18	7:08	6:53

Phases of the Moon		
	Last Quarter	December 27th
	New Moon	January 2nd
	First Quarter	January 9th
	Full Moon	January 17th



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on ***I Found the Aardvark***

In the December 16, 2021 edition the Aardvark was on page 64!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

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3. Kale; 4. Crass

Today's Word

CHEAP

Sudoku Answer

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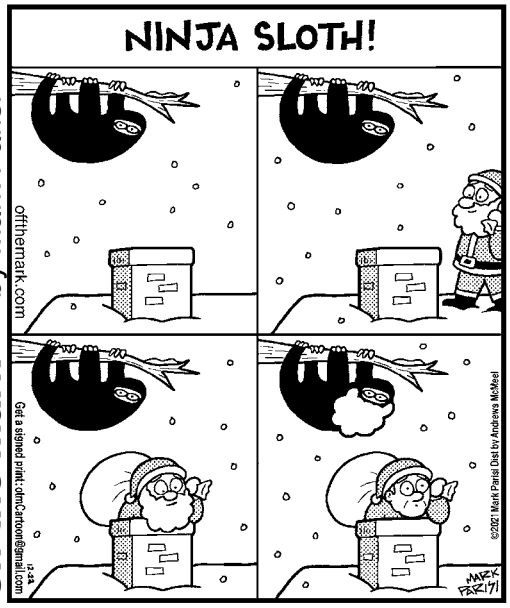

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